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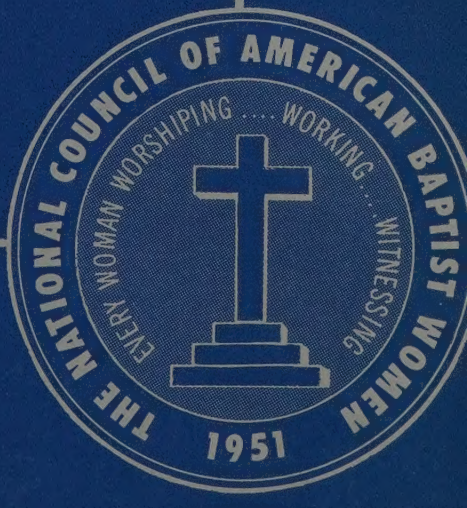

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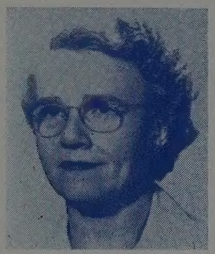

MABEL MARTIN

American Baptist Accredited Representative at the United Nations

THE QUEEN AND I

Fundamental Human Rights

The Queen (Elizabeth II) and I were at the United Nations together one day in the fall of 1957. Why was she there? Because she had chosen to see this building of beauty? Yes! *And* because she wished to give her testimony of belief in this instrument of our governments for promoting human welfare. Why was I there? Because I wished to welcome the Queen. And because I represent to the United Nations and to our United States' delegates there, *your* deep concern to see the conference table take the place of the battlefield; to see our best brains hard at work to prevent war rather than to try the absolutely hopeless task of winning a war. The Queen may not have known how hard—in effective but quiet ways—the United Nations has worked to see that fundamental freedoms become not just a remote and impossible dream, but the actual possession of the peoples of the earth.

It was just ten years ago, on December 10, 1948, that the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. So close to the hearts of people everywhere are these rights that even those nations which grant few freedoms to their people did not dare to vote against this Declaration. There were eight nations which abstained from voting.

It had taken almost two years of countless sessions for the Human Rights Commission to hammer out these thirty articles of bold and uncompromising declarations of the rights of every person to opportunity and dignity. Since that time the Declaration has been translated into forty-seven different languages and has encircled the globe. No self-respecting Baptist should have to admit to ignorance of its contents, at least by the end of this anniversary year.

But we all know that to read, or even to declare, is one thing. To comply is quite another. The task of the United Nations has been to help the words of the Declaration to come alive in the lives of people everywhere. Since the United Nations is made up of eighty-one sovereign nations, this is no simple task. But with determination and insight the work has progressed.

Administrative authorities have been requested to submit periodic reports on the progress of achievement made in their Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories inhabited by millions of people. The services of trained personnel have been made available to assist governments in methods of protecting the rights of minorities, of women, and of promoting freedom of information.

A special Sub-Commission has been making studies of discrimination in education, in employment, in religious rights and practices, by collecting, analyzing and verifying reports from member countries on these subjects.

Conventions or Treaties on The Crime of Genocide, Stateless Persons, Forced Labor, and Slavery have been formulated and adopted by the General Assembly. However, it remains for many member nations—our own among them—to ratify these Conventions and thus make them a significant part of the law of their lands. This the United States has failed to do largely because of our fear of those of our citizens who wish to curtail our treaty making powers.

The Commission On The Status Of Women has done an outstanding job for human rights through its formation of Conventions on The Political Rights of Women (adopted by the General Assembly, December, 1952) and on The Nationality of Married Women (adopted in January, 1957).

The Technical Assistance Program of the United Nations lends its helping hand to human rights by improving the skills of people so that they may exercise their rights to health, to education, and to work.

As Christians, we believe that so long as anyone is in prison, or sick, uneducated or unloved, Christ would have us minister to that one by alleviating his ills and by attempting to remove the causes of those ills.

The Queen and I, and each of us, are bound together in this bundle of life on this planet of ours. Together we recall the familiar words, "If ye fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well:" (James 2:8).

Mrs. George B. Martin, Summit, New Jersey, is the American Baptist Accredited Representative at the United Nations. Mrs. Martin was chosen, by the State Department, as *one* of *five*, from a group of 150 representatives in the United States to participate in the briefing of a group of its foreign officers.

To the Presidents

From: Frieda Roach (Mrs. Howard L. Roach)
National President
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: Plainfield, Iowa

Dear Madam President:

When you compiled the report for your local society last April, the figures may not have added up to a great sum. There may have been *no* outstanding increase. Perhaps you were discouraged. But when the figures on your local society's report were added to (1) the other reporting societies in your association, (2) the other reporting associations in your state, (3) the other 34 state conventions in the American Baptist Convention, then the totals on these 4,473 reports, coming from the 35 state conventions in our American Baptist Convention, added up to a tremendous sum. These results revealed, indeed, a heartening indication of the application of American Baptist women to the cause of missions.

Figures, alone, however, do not tell the whole story of the devotion of the women to the objectives of the National Council of American Baptist Women and the cause of Christ to which they dedicate their service. There are countless, intangible spiritual benefits which the women receive and countless contributions which they make that cannot be tabulated in terms of black and white. God alone can measure the length and breadth of our outreach and the dedication of the women to their tasks.

Comparative Chart	*1953-1954*	*1957-1958*
Active Women in Woman's Societies in American Baptist Churches ..	165,321	199,395
Societies Using Circle Plan	1,442	1,760
Number of Circles	5,839	7,497

It is also interesting to note that in 1957-1958 when a special effort was made to activate the inactive women, the following significant increases were shown on the reports for 1957-1958 over those for 1956-1957:

Increase in number of active women	12,766
Increase in number of circles	329

The number of new societies organized totalled 135.

While these increases are significant, think what they might have been had *all* societies used "The Program for Action"—the program to reactivate inactivate women! This "Program for Action," which was given to the First Vice-President for implementation in 1957-1958 is, you will recall, a program which is to be carried forward year after year. You will want to encourage your First Vice-President to promote this "Program for Action."

We have a responsibility for integrating every inactive woman in our churches into active participation in the program of our Woman's Societies. Women in our churches, who are not active in the Woman's Society, are missing the joy of serving their Lord in this way, and the local Woman's Society is missing the contributions these women can make in many ways to the activities of the society. We must remember, however, that if these women are to be drawn into the society the programs we offer must have forceful motivation and deep spiritual worth, and must hold stimulating values as well as heartwarming fellowship.

WOMEN AND THE LAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

We are approaching the last phase of the Lay Development Program. You will want to remind the women in your church of the importance of the workshops in this program, during the fall of 1958.

Every woman member of the church should be encouraged to attend these workshops. Special attention should be given to the workshop on "Women's Work in the Church." This workshop will conclude with an evaluation of the over-all program of the Woman's Society in that specific church. Recommendations will be made, also, as to how the program can be improved to meet the needs of the women in the church. In these workshops each woman will seek to interpret the woman's viewpoint in matters concerning women especially.

Please turn to pages twenty-nine and thirty-six for additional statements concerning "Women and the Lay Development Program."

"THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN"

Have you subscribed to Volume 3 of The American Baptist Woman, the 1959 edition? If not, do so immediately. October 15 is the deadline! Your order, with one dollar for each subscription, should be sent to your State Chairman of Literature, unless your state has another plan for gathering subscriptions. It is recommended that each society has two copies: one for the President, which may remain intact; one that may be separated and distributed to the officer or chairman, as indicated, for her information and for her to file in her Workbook. Some societies want a third copy so that their Chairman of Leadership Training may have a complete copy.

Since many officers and chairmen indicated in their annual reports that they did not have an opportunity to

read THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN last year, I suggest that the president make her complete copy available to her officers and chairmen in order that they, too, may read THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN in its entirety. From the second copy each leader may then have the pages written specifically for her.

NEW LEAFLETS . . .

• **"American Baptist Woman Power"**

The new leaflet entitled "American Baptist Woman Power" replaces the leaflet, "Women Share in the American Baptist Program." This new leaflet has been sent to the state Presidents who have forwarded sufficient copies to each association President for her to distribute one copy to each local society in her association.

• **"The Small Society"**

This new leaflet is written for societies in small churches, especially in the town and country areas. Small societies can be helped to make skillful adjustments in organization and to the overall program if the suggestions in this leaflet are followed. Sometimes there are *great* societies in small churches and *small* societies in large churches. If your society needs help—or if you know of one that does—this leaflet can be of great value. The leaflet has been sent in quantity to state Presidents for distribution.

• **"Speakers and Interpreters"**

This new leaflet gives important information for Speakers and Interpreters. State Chairman of Speakers and Interpreters have received this leaflet in quantity for distribuiton to the local societies.

• **"Mites That Became Mighty"**

This new leaflet has been distributed to state and association chairmen of Love Gift. It will be sent in sufficient quantity for distribution to local chairmen when the Love Gift checkbooks for 1959 are mailed in October.

AND THESE TOO . . .

• **"Pilgrim's Progress—Twentieth Century,"** written by Dr. Irene A. Jones, is the missionary program on the dedicated service to mankind by twin sisters: Miss Helen Benjamin, a nurse in Nellore, South India, for the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies; and Mrs. George B. Martin, the accredited observer for the American Baptist Convention at the United Nations. This program, which is "Curtain Time Series No. 5," was presented at the National Women's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin, July, 1956. Order from American Baptist Book Stores. Price, 25 cents.

• **"Love Gift Dedication Services, 1958,"** edited by Mrs. Lester P. Wager, national chairman of the Love Gift, is available in Baptist Book Stores. Price, 50 cents.

CHEC

In the year 1959, we shall have the privilege of supporting the Christian Higher Education Challenge (CHEC). **You** are an important person. **You** can help by . . .

• Encouraging your church to accept its goal.

• Giving whatever leadership you possibly can when you are asked.

• Making your own financial commitment.

• Praying that this program may strengthen our American Baptist Ministry of Higher Education.

BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE

Seven great Baptist communions are uniting in a cooperative Jubilee Advance, which is inspired by a common interest in observing the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work on this North American continent.

Millions of faithful Baptists will join to win a great host of those who have not experienced a saving faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour.

Each American Baptist woman should be informed and prepared to give her utmost to this great cooperative endeavor.

EIGHTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

United Church Women will meet in Denver, Colorado, October 27-30, 1958, in an assembly which will include, as speakers and guests, outstanding Christian women from overseas. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, of India, one of the distinguished guests, a social worker, has an active interest in the Women's Movement in India.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY, November 7, 1958

Theme: EXCHANGE Goods • Ideas • People

Wherever possible, it is recommended that American Baptist women cooperate in this program of the United Church Women. Packets of background material may be ordered from the Office of Publication and Distribution, 120 East 23rd Street, New York 10, N. Y. Price, 50 cents.

The 1958 World Day of Prayer service in Rome, Italy, made a deep and lasting impression upon me, regarding the importance and the effectiveness of witnessing and praying with Christian women of many nationalities and races, wherever one may be.

PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge and all American Baptist Women were honored at the American Baptist Convention in Cincinnati, June, 1958, when Mrs. Hodge was elected as the President of the American Baptist Convention. We congratulate Mrs. Hodge on this high honor and we extend to her our best wishes for a good year in this important office. We shall want to remember her in prayer, that she may be given strength, wisdom and courage to lead our Convention forward in whatever way God shall guide.

To the First Vice-Presidents

From: LETITIA CARROLL (Mrs. Frank R. Carroll) (right)
Introducing: VIRGINIA FARMAR (left)
(Mrs. William G. Farmar)
National First Vice-President
Division of First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 912 Lincoln Drive, Parkersburg, West Virginia

Counterparts, We Were Working Last Year!

Yes, indeed, we First Vice-Presidents were busy! When I finished studying the annual reports from thirty-five state First Vice-Presidents, I knew that hundreds of First Vice-Presidents were working in their societies or on their association or state boards as diligently as I was working for the National Council of American Baptist Women.

YOUR ANNUAL REPORTS INDICATED . . .

THAT the number of associations reporting is increasing each year. In twenty states all associations reported. Congratulations to those states! Doubtless they will endeavor to maintain their rating of 100 per cent!

THAT in the remaining 15 states the state, association and local First Vice-Presidents will want to attain a closer relationship. Association First Vice-Presidents, if your state did not have a report from your association, why not resolve now to do your part that your state may be added to the list of 20 having 100 per cent? Keeping in close touch with your local counterparts throughout the year will assure you of a report.

THAT local First Vice-Presidents must do their part. Association First Vice-Presidents must have reports from local First Vice-Presidents if they are to make an association report. Your association First Vice-President needs your report in order that she may make her report to her state First Vice-President complete. Plan now to send your annual report to your association First Vice-President when it is due on April 15, 1959. Keep in touch with your association First Vice-President. Do your part to help your state to become one of those which has all associations reporting.

YOUR ANNUAL REPORTS INDICATED . . .

THAT "The Program for Action," the new goal for the division of First Vice-President, during 1957-1958, brought results to all societies which adopted it.

Five hundred and eighty-one local First Vice-Presidents, with their committees, were quick to realize how this "Program for Action" could meet a need in their societies. These First Vice-Presidents either used—or adapted to their specific needs—this "Program for Action" to reach their inactive women.

Did these 581 local First Vice-Presidents and their committees reach any inactive women? Indeed they did! Eight thousand and nineteen women were reactivated!

THINK what such an increase could mean to the total program of our woman's work as it extends through the local society and the church, to the community, state, the nation and the world!

THINK what it could mean to our local societies if during this year . . .

1. These 581 local First Vice-Presidents and their committees continue their "Program for Action" with increased vigor.

2. The remaining 2,914 local First Vice-Presidents accept the challenge and put the "Program for Action" to work in their societies.

Shall the prayer of all First Vice-Presidents be that each local First Vice-President shall see the vast opportunity which this "Program for Action" presents; that she will recognize her responsibility toward making the most of it; and that she will put her shoulder to the wheel and with all her strength and determination make a far-reaching forward move.

YOUR ANNUAL REPORTS INDICATED . . .

THAT 178 association First Vice-Presidents reactivated 397 societies which sent representatives to association meetings of American Baptist women.

THAT state First Vice-Presidents will be successful in reactivating interest and activity in associations, if they keep in touch with their association First Vice-Presidents.

SUGGESTIONS

→ Friendly personal letters from association First Vice-Presidents to local First Vice-Presidents and from state First Vice-Presidents to association First Vice-Presidents will bring results. Include in your letters information about your church, your local society, and important items of interest from a recent association meeting.

→ Special invitations extended by *association* First Vice-Presidents to the *local* First Vice-Presidents are appreciated. Be on the look-out for your counterparts, welcoming them and spending time with them at meetings.

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REPRINTED BY REQUEST

Many requests have been received for a reprint of the "Program for Action," designed to reach inactive women in our Baptist churches. Therefore we are reprinting in part the article entitled, "For Us, A New Goal." It is important, as stated in this article in the fall issue, 1957, of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, to have well planned programs which are adequately prepared to insure an effective presentation; to attract attention and to create a desire to attend the programs, by means of appealing publicity. But we must do more if we are to reach the inactive women in our Baptist churches, the inactive societies in our associations, the inactive associations in our states. So we here reprint this plan for reactivation.

"The Program for Action"

1. State First Vice-Presidents are responsible to reactivate inactive associations in state meetings.

2. Association First Vice-Presidents are responsible to reactivate the inactive societies in association meetings.

3. Local First Vice-Presidents are responsible to reactivate inactive local women in the program of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

Local First Vice-President's Plan:

1. List the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the following women whom we wish to reach:

a. New church members.
b. Members who are not informed about our work.
c. Members who apparently are disinterested or who may seem indifferent.
d. Members who may not have found their place in the church.
e. Members whose first interest may not be church-centered.
f. Young married women.

2. Appoint a committee to reach inactive women. This committee should be comprised of three groups of women who, together with the First Vice-President, as chairman, are willing to undertake the work of interesting inactive women. One group will be responsible for calling; another for transportation; and the third for the special meeting. If you have anticipated this need of reaching inactive women and have appointed a membership chairman, we suggest that she be added to the committee.

3. Call a meeting of the committee: the three groups of workers.

a. Explain why we should reach these women: The Woman's Society provides opportunities that may interest them; the Woman's Society needs them and their help; they, as we all, owe a stewardship of time, energy and talent to the church; and we all need the fellowship of one another, that more Baptist women shall be united in working for the mission of the church.

4. Plan for calling in homes, by the calling group.

a. Divide the number of calls to be made among the members of the calling group.
b. Determine upon a deadline when calls shall be completed.
c. Make appointment by telephone before calling.
d. Request transportation for calling from transportation group, if a car is needed.

5. Discuss the visit, with the calling group.

a. Include in the conversation the interests of the woman upon whom you are calling.
b. Explain the Woman's Baptist Mission Society's mission.
c. Present the program book of the Society, pointing out dates and programs of interest.
d. Offer transportation to meetings.

6. Follow-up on visit, by the "calling group."

a. Report needs for transportation to the transportation group.
b. Plan transportation.
c. Arrange by telephone to take women to meeting.

7. Make plans with the special-meeting group.

a. Plan for a meeting—regular or special—to which these inactive women should be invited. *That special meeting* should provide an especially captivating program, a sincerely warm welcome, fellowship, and a special luncheon, simple or elaborate but attractive. If this special meeting is to be held on the Society's regular meeting date, the special-meeting group works with the Society's Chairman of Program.
b. Introduce each new woman, during the special meeting to the chairman and members of one of the circles. Circles should assume a large share of developing the further interests of these new members.

8. Keep this program active all year by your own enthusiasm. Add variety to your approach by inviting small groups into your homes, informally for coffee at nine, brunch at eleven or dessert at one.

a. Make plans for follow-up of original call.
b. Follow-up absences.
c. Keep in touch.

9. Suggest that the Business and Professional Women's Circle conduct their own program for reaching the employed women not active in church work. Parts of the preceding plan are adaptable to Business and Professional Women's Circles.

IT IS WITH JOY . . .

THAT I present to you **Mrs. William G. Farmar,** the recently elected First Vice-President of the National Council of American Baptist Women. Mrs. Farmar comes to us from the eastern area, West Virginia. She is familiar with the work of the National Council of American Baptist Women, having served on the Board of Managers on the Annual Report Book Committee, also as a representative of the state presidents when she was president of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of West Virginia, and as chairman of the 1958-1959 Program Packet Committee which prepared the packet, "Mountains of the Lord."

I pray that God will strengthen his kingdom through you both as you work together during the coming years.

To the Chairmen of Program

From: HELEN MCDERMOTT (Mrs. F. W. McDermott)
National Chairman of Program
Division of the First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 1813 West Iles Avenue,
Springfield, Illinois

Greetings, Chairmen of Program:

To all of you who cooperated so well in preparing an annual report, I express my gratitude!

- Every state chairman, with one exception, sent in a report—and on time, too!
- All but twenty-three association chairmen reported.
- Eighteen state chairmen obtained a report from *all* of their association chairmen; six, from all but one.

This was very good! But let us try to make these totals better next April when the 1958-1959 reports are due!

PACKET

The reports showed an increase of over eight hundred societies using our Program Packet. This, too, is very good. However, over five hundred of the societies reported that they are not using the Program Packet. Therefore, we have work to do!

The preparation of the Program Packet is, as you know, assigned each year to the women of a specific state. Last year the women of Ohio prepared the Packet; this year, West Virginia; and now the women of the State of Washington are hard at work on the 1959-1960 Packet. These women spend many hours, and months, doing their best to give us the kind of programs that will hold interest for our American Baptist women.

It is obvious that *every* program that is prepared cannot meet completely the needs of *every* society. The small society may have to study the programs to see how parts can be combined. The society that really wants to study will secure additional materials and delve deeper into the subject. Adaptations are necessary, to be sure, but every society will find the Packet excellent, as a basis for its programs.

The Program Packets are available in the Baptist Book Stores on *March 15*. The supply is sold quickly. Avoid disappointment by placing your order each year for the Program Packet during March, or before April first.

OTHER MATERIALS

If, after thoroughly studying the Program Packet, a program committee thinks that some additional materials are needed for other programs, the committee should consult other chairmen in the Woman's Society. The national, state and association chairmen frequently suggest good programs to local chairmen. For example, the chairman of Special Interest Missionaries may have exactly the program that is needed. Or the program printed each month in *Missions Magazine*, for the Small Society or Circle, may be that which is most needed.

→ "Helps" from the Digest, a series of program suggestions, are based on the *Home Mission Digest*. Both the *Home Mission Digest, 1958*, priced at sixty cents, and "Helps," free of charge, may be secured from the American Baptist Home Mission Society, 164 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

→ *Along Kingdom Highways*, which may be ordered from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, 152 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y., price one dollar, has excellent program material. In the March, 1958 issue of *Missions* Magazine, there is a very helpful article written by Miss Ada Stearns, showing how to use *Along Kingdom Highways*.

→ *Overseas Outreach* is a new publication which supplements *Along Kingdom Highways*. Order from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Price, 50 cents.

→ "Fun and Festival from the Middle East" and "Fun and Festival from the Other Americans" offer many suggestions for making the programs different, with a surprise element in every program. "Design and Pattern from North American Neighbors" has many patterns that can be traced and used for programs, posters, place cards or table decorations. Order these three items from your nearest Baptist Book Store. Each item is priced at fifty cents.

The Wright Studio accessories are very interesting and helpful. Middle East accessories include a "Caravan Puzzlemat, a camel, donkey, palm tree, woman at a well, Moslem at prayer, napkins, "99 Names" folder-mat, and "Creative Uses." A "Middle East Sample Set" of these accessories, containing many excellent program ideas and much information, is available at The Wright Studio, 5335 Ohmer Avenue, Indianapolis 19, Indiana.

The Wright Studio also has unique items on North American Neighbors: a Neighbors Puzzlemat, napkin, Neighbor folder with informative "trip ticket" motif, neighbors favors, donkey, palm tree, totem pole, a gold

cardboard cross, and "Creative Uses." The "Neighbors Sample Set" of these items is priced at $1.00.

Request order blanks, or order these sample sets from the Wright Studio. *Each set* is priced at $1.00.

→ Good plays are listed in the pamphlet "Friends Through Books." One especially good play is "Heart Sound of a Stranger." It is a moving one-act play of the Mexican-American border. Three women, two men and two children comprise the cast. "Heart Sound of a Stranger" may be presented as a fully staged and costumed production or it may be presented very simply, without staging or costumes with a discussion following the presentation. The play may be read aloud by the group, using a different reader for each character, followed by a discussion. The play may be presented only *up to the climax*. At that point the audience could decide what the solution should be. The play could then be completed. Other good suggestions are included in the introduction to the play. Order from your Baptist Book Store. Price, 50 cents.

The leaflet "Friends Through Books," distributed free of charge by the Department of Missionary and Stewardship Education, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., also lists good audio-visual materials on both the home and foreign mission study themes. If you plan to use any of the materials listed, be sure to place your order early so that you will be certain to get what you want, when you want it.

GREEN LAKE WORKSHOP

At the National Women's Conference, July, 1958, we had two workshops on Program Building. One was for the chairmen of Program in circles and in societies under twenty-five members. The other was for association chairmen and local chairmen in societies with a membership of twenty-five or more. Mrs. Kenneth Cober, Philadelphia, Pa., who led the latter workshop, has written the following article on Program Building for Association Chairmen. To Mrs. Cober I am deeply indebted for her help.

Mrs. Cober Writes on Program Building

Have you wondered who thinks up the fancy brand names that pop out at you from your TV and from the shelves of your supermarket? The truth is that just about everybody gets into the act. From three hundred to five hundred new items make their bow to the public every day. Employees are invited to make suggestions. Consumers are asked to submit names for the new product. Men go from door to door to obtain reactions in a planned program of "motivational research." After the pulse of the public has been taken, a name for the new product is finally chosen. Companies spend much time and money to secure this kind of "feedback" because it pays dividends in terms of their sales and their standing with the public.

What kind of "feedback" would you get from the persons attending your association meetings? Would you get reactions that were positive and enthusiastic? In our recent Leadership Training Conferences on Program Planning someone said that the program is the "life saver" of the meeting. This is true of local societies and equally applicable to association meetings. The success of an association program can be measured by its ability to bring the greatest amount of help to the largest number of societies.

Association meetings offer an opportunity for a rich fellowship with the women of other churches. It is a time for inspiration and for the sharing of ideas. And here we have a unique opportunity to provide the kind of leadership training that will develop competent leaders and more effective workmanship in all divisions of women's work. Much of this training is directed to affect the vitality of the local society program.

If I were to knock on the door of your program chairman's home and conduct some "motivational research," I wonder how she would answer the following questions:

Have you carried out the purpose of an association, introducing elements of fellowship, inspiration, sharing of ideas, and training? Have you presented within a two-year cycle all phases of the Baptist World Mission? Have you used a variety of methods? Have you developed group participation by using such leadership techniques as panel discussions, symposiums, role playing and brain storming? Have your officers and chairmen had an opportunity to share their work through conferences by divisions? Have you featured a "how-to-do-it" demonstration of a division meeting including a display of related materials? Have you used audio-visual aids followed by a group discussion? Have your meetings been well attended by younger women because you provide child care? Have you planned some of your meetings at a time when employed women can attend? Have you attempted to discover the abilities of your women, keeping a file of the information?

Now let us get some "member reaction." How can your women indicate how they feel about the association programs? You can provide a box in which members drop their comments at the close of the meeting. Some associations occasionally divide into informal buzz groups and thereby produce many constructive ideas. *You Can Be A Leader* lists questions for an evaluation which may be mimeographed and distributed. By analyzing your successes and failures you eventually will find what types of meetings stimulate the most interest and lead to the greatest development of the members.

We have a mission to perform for we are members of and workers in an organization which is in the vanguard of Christian thinking and action. This year as we plan our programs let us tie in with those emphases which are being used throughout our denomination such as: Lay Development Program, the Baptist Jubilee Advance, the Tenth Anniversary of Human Rights, and CHEC (Christian Higher Education Challenge), a program designed to influence future leaders to seek the spirit of Christ in their education for all of life.

We often hear, "They belong, they ought to come." True! And you can be sure they will come if you have a worthwhile program, plus personal interest and genuine fellowship.

To the Chairmen of House Party

From: Helen Hussey (Mrs. Wilmer Hussey) (right)
Introducing: Florence Berg (left)
(Mrs. James C. Berg)
National Chairman of House Party
Division of First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: Route 6, Box 1518, Modesto, California

Greetings, Chairmen of House Party!

The 1958 state house parties are a memory now! And according to the reports which have come to me, a very happy memory. There was an increase in the number of women attending the house parties, and it appears that each state with this year's program surpassed its previous outstanding record. But, my friends, even though your house party is over, even though it was a tremendous success, this is no time to sit back and rest on your oars. Plans, I trust, are in the making for next year's house party, or will be very shortly.

YOUR STARTING POINT IS . . .

A critical evaluation of the 1958 house party, and a careful analysis of the findings compiled from the questionnaires distributed to those attending the house party and returned to the house party committee on the final day!

Until an evaluation session has been held, no house party is completed. Therefore, it is hoped that your 1958 house party committee was able either to remain at the house party for an extra session or to meet elsewhere very shortly thereafter. It is important to analyze very carefully the positive and negative elements in your program. Did the committee accomplish what it set out to do? What phases of the program were excellent? Where were the weak spots? What could be corrected? What would bear repetition?

With this information in mind, you and your committee are ready to begin either as a continuing committee or as a new committee. You will build upon the successes of 1958, and improve upon the points that left, something to be desired.

AND NOW . . .

That you have held your first meeting for making plans for the 1959 house party, or will within a week or so, turn your attention to the necessary publicity for promoting the house party:

- Prepare and distribute, as far in advance as six months prior to your house party, a flyer giving place, dates and information in regard to reservations, with facts about the program, et cetera.
- Send the flyer to each association and local chairman of House Party and to all women who attended the previous three house parties.
- Request the local chairman of House Party, working with the First Vice-President, to distribute the flyer to inactive women. Refer to page six of this issue of The American Baptist Woman in regard to gaining the interest of inactive women in our woman's work.
- Follow up initial publicity. State, association and local chairmen of House Party should use the following media in so far as possible:

Newspapers	Telephone
Radio	Baptist denominational papers: local, state, national
Television	

- Try the plan of pre-registration for the house party.

I WISH . . .

It were possible to share with you the reports on all of the house parties across our Convention, but since I cannot do that here, I am going to give you a report on the National Women's Conference, held at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin, from July 12-19, 1958. The report of Mrs. Ernest B. Bailey, National Chairman of Publicity, is so vivid that you who were there will be happy to recall those inspiring and stimulating days; those who were not able to go will feel they did attend, and, we trust, will make every effort to be there next year.

The Fifth National Women's Conference Green Lake, Wisconsin, July, 1958

By Faith Bailey

Three hundred women arrived at the opening session of the National Women's Conference on Saturday, July 12, for a week of study and training centered on the theme "Grow up—into Christ."

Women in the workshop on Christian Social Relations, led by Dr. John Thomas, executive secretary of the American Baptist Council on Christian Social Progress, heard: "Church women have often been accused of being interested only in themselves." There is some justification for this charge. Christian women must rec-

ognize their responsibility to both the social and political demands of life.

Business and Professional women in their workshop discussed the necessity, as good ambassadors of Christ in business and industry, for cultural, intellectual, spiritual and emotional maturity. Miss Golda Morford, Detroit, Michigan, national vice-president of Business and Professional Women led this workshop.

Dr. Stanley MacNair, minister of the University Baptist Church, Seattle, Washington, in his morning Bible study sessions, labeled the ultimate in maturity as an unreachable goal. But he urged women to "do their dead level best to approach it." He said, "Remember that Christ is with you in the midst of your immaturity." Dr. MacNair added, "It is possible for knowledge to result not in maturity but in a kind of immaturity that regards knowledge as an end in itself." He continued, "The activism of our time, which is as popular as the martyrdom of Paul's time, is not necessary for the working of the gospel. Activism without love is immature."

Open forums led by Dr. Mildred Cranston, author and National Vice-President of the Y.W.C.A., interpreted a 1958 woman's struggle for maturity—as a Christian, as a member of the family, as a citizen.

"The Unfinished Story," written by Mrs. Fred Tiffany, Brownsville, N. Y., and directed by Mrs. Elbert Gates, Jr., Westfield, N. J., was the special Sunday evening feature of the Conference. It was an answer-in-drama to the Sceptic's query, "What have women done for the Kingdom of God?"

The evening programs, which followed "The Unfinished Story" presented the work of each of the divisions and revealed what has been done, what is being done, and what may be done for the Kingdom of God, by and through the division of First Vice-President, the division of Missions, the division of Christian Service, the division of Christian Training, and the division of Business and Professional Women.

The Committee that Planned the 1958 National Women's Conference.

The first meeting of this committee was held at Green Lake at the close of the 1957 National Women's Conference.

(Left to right): Mrs. Paul Maul, Indiana; Miss Golda Morford, Michigan; Mrs. Lester P. Wager, chairman, New York; Mrs. Howard Roach, Iowa; Miss Violet Rudd, New York. Also serving on the committee were: Mrs. Stacy Randle, New Jersey; Mrs. Marcus Rohlfs, Washington; and as advisers, Dr. James Fidler, Philadelphia; Mrs. Milo Wenger, New York, and Miss Dorothy Bucklin, New York.

HAVE YOU HEARD

The Story About the New Jersey Women?

Forty thousand strong they arrived at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July, 1958! Or so it seemed to Nancy White, standing by the roadside when the Greyhound bus arrived from New Jersey. Not weary from a long bus trip but radiant with enthusiasm and anticipation, thirty-six women and six Guild girls poured out of the bus, crossed the road, entered the Administration building to increase the total of New Jersey registrations to fifty-two.

Nancy trailed along to get some facts. "It happened this way," said Mrs. Kenneth W. Slifer. "I have a station wagon," I announced at one of our board meetings. "That means that I can take six women to Green Lake." But ten women asked to go. A second and a third station wagon were offered, but soon it became evident that only a Greyhound bus could accommodate everyone. And still some were disappointed!

"There must be room for everyone next year," announced the women of New Jersey. "It is not too early to plan for the 1959 National Women's Conference. We expect to have a second, perhaps a third bus!"

Now we, the women of New Jersey, ask, "How many women are going from your state?"

MY WELCOME TO YOU,

Mrs. James C. Berg

I have asked Mrs. Berg, our new national chairman of House Party to bring greetings to you. As my term of office comes to an end, I express to you, state, association and local chairmen of House Party, my deep appreciation for your dedicated service to our work and for your friendship to me. Now I take pleasure in presenting Mrs. Berg.

"Greetings, to each of you serving as chairman of House Party. California is my native state, and I have spent my life there. The Berkeley Baptist Divinity School is my Alma Mater. In 1935, I was appointed by the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society as a missionary to work with the Chinese at the Locks Christian Center. After seven enriching years there, I was married.

"My husband is a rancher, raising cling peaches for the cannery. He has a daughter and a son, and five adorable grandchildren. I feel very fortunate in having a ready-made family.

"In my church, I am teaching a high school class and serving on the Board of Christian Education as chairman of the Missionary and Stewardship Committee. In the association, I am completing my term as president of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society. In our state convention, I am a member of the commission on Church Extension and ex-officio of the International-Interracial Fellowship Commission. For several years I have served as a member of the American Baptist Home Mission Boards, and am now serving as one of their representatives on the Board of Managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

"My thoughts are constantly with you, my counterparts, who are busy planning and promoting house parties throughout our great Convention."

To the Chairmen of Literature

From: Jennie Eulette (Mrs. Clayton D. Eulette)
National Chairman of Literature
Division of First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 2238 West 111th Street, Chicago 43, Illinois

Dear Fellow Chairmen of Literature:

Wherever you may be and whatever you may be doing at this moment, I thank you for being "on duty" for so many long months of the year.

I thank you not only for myself, as national chairman of Literature, but also on behalf of the hosts of women —yes, and of men, too—whose lives have been enriched and whose spirits have been lifted by reading the literature which *you* have brought to their attention. They are better neighbors, more conscientious citizens and more earnest Christians because of this reading.

TAKE A LOOK AT . . .

Your Public Library

Can *you* imagine seeing American Baptist literature—books, pamphlets and leaflets—selected from "Literature Highlights," on display in a public library? Well, there is such a display! One of our chairmen of Literature, employed in a city public library, has taken advantage of her opportunity to bring to the attention of those who use the library some of our excellent literature.

You, however, do not need to wait until you get a job in your library before exhibiting our reading material there. In most instances, a request, accompanied by samples of the literature, presented to the Library board, will receive permission for such a display in a special place assigned for the purpose.

Why not try this plan? Please let me know how it works.

TAKE A LOOK AT . . .

Your Church Library

First, do you have a church library? If not, why not? Will you take the initiative in seeing that one is started?

If you already have one, does it contain a plentiful supply of the American Baptist literature which you are responsible for distributing and promoting? Is this literature accessible and attractively displayed?

According to your Annual Reports, 1,590 churches have libraries which display demnominational literature. Fifteen hundred and ninety churches! Not even one-third of the churches in which there is a Woman's Society.

Won't you make every effort to increase the number of church libraries? At least *make sure that your church has one.* No one can estimate the quiet, continuing, uplifting influence of such a library upon the children, the young people, and the older members of a church.

TAKE A LOOK AT . . .

Your Annual Report

First, did you send in an annual report? If not, why not?

I ask you that question in all seriousness. Look at this comparison:

Chairmen of Literature	*Per Cent Reporting*
State Chairmen	94
Association Chairmen	92
Local Chairmen	59

So you see it is at the door of the local chairmen that the responsibility for improvement lies; improvement in reporting the far-reaching work being done by the National Council of American Baptist Women.

If you were one of the 1,982 local chairmen of Literature who sent in *no* report, please "turn over a new leaf" (the leaf of the Annual Report Book) and do better next time.

TAKE A LOOK AT . . .

A Copy of *Missions*

It does not need to be the latest issue of *Missions.* Take a look at *any* copy of *Missions.* Do you know of any other publication where you can find such a fascinating array of articles that will improve the mind, awaken the interest, broaden the sympathies, gladden the heart, and inspire you with the highest motives?

If your answer is "No," then you will understand why we are seeking to increase the circulation of this outstanding missionary magazine of American Baptists. You will also realize that when you persuade a fellow Baptist to become a subscriber you are in reality doing him or her a kindness.

How many subscribers to *Missions* are there in your church? Will you make an earnest effort to increase that number materially? Please let me know that you will try. Send your subscription to: *Missions* Magazine, 152 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y. Single subscription: One year, $2.50.

TAKE A LOOK AT . . .

Your Method of Presenting Literature

Is there a sameness about your methods? Do you choose the easiest way? Do you hastily grab a handful of leaflets and books, step onto the platform and hold up one after the other in quick succession, saying: "This is an interesting piece of literature. I recommended it for your reading." Or do you ask yourself: "Suppose I were in the audience. What could the chairman of Literature say or do that would make me want to read some of that literature?" Many of you already do this and are always seeking new ideas.

Some time ago we had a mimeographed sheet of suggestions. Some of you wrote to me regarding the success you had with them. Please send me some of your original ideas so that we can mimeograph a new list.

In the meantime, here is one plan which some of you may wish to use. In Revelation 22:2 we read: ". . . and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations." A small tree (or a large bush) may be placed on the platform, in a holder such as we use for Christmas trees. To the branches are fastened various leaflets, pamphlets and books. Follow the reading of this portion of Scripture with a few words about the healing of mind, soul and spirit, which comes whenever and wherever the Gospel message is accepted. Take some of the pieces of literature from the tree. Describe each item in a way which will awaken an interest to know more about the contents. Be sure to have the materials easily obtainable at a table after the meeting.

TAKE A LOOK AT . . .

Literature Highlights

Do you really know the materials listed in "Literature Highlights"? Do you have a clear idea of the items which will be helpful to the officers and chairmen in your society? They have a right to expect your advice in choosing what to order for the work in their specific areas. Your skill and knowledge are basic in the organizational plan of the National Council of American Baptist Women. *You* will, therefore, wish to measure up to this responsibility. Why not request an opportunity to discuss the items in "Literature Highlights" with the officers and chairmen on your board at the beginning of the program year?

In ordering literature, please pay special attention to the *Key For Ordering* on the last page of "Literature Highlights." It may seem incredible, but repeatedly I receive orders for assortments of books and leaflets, with checks or money orders enclosed. Think of the time that is lost, through the failure to follow simple directions. Sometimes these orders indicate that the materials are needed for a meeting "next week." In sending an order, be sure to allow plenty of time for it to be filled. Remember there are thousands of other people who want their materials at the "earliest possible moment."

TAKE A LOOK AT . . .

The National Council of American Baptist Women

You are an important part of the National Council of American Baptist Women. Much of the great progress in all areas of work reported at the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Council in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 12, 1958, depended upon the faithful performance of your particular task. Especially was your careful work reflected in the report of the national chairman of Literature. According to this report, there is evidence of active interest and participation on the part of increasing numbers of American Baptist Women. During this year there were held:

42 State conferences for association chairmen.
174 Association conferences for local chairmen.

During this year . . .

1,704 local chairmen regularly read this section of The American Baptist Woman. Are you one of this number?

From time to time you will be hearing reports of what took place at Cincinnati with its revelation of God's blessing upon the work of consecrated women.

TAKE A LOOK AT . . .

Our Beautiful Theme Song

Quaint sounding phrases are used to express deep assurance of the constant watch-care of an ever loving God. Could we do better than to absorb some of that simple faith and confident trust? Let us give this song a permanent place in memory! Let us suggest that others do so too. This year's theme hymn, "Unto the Hills," together with other theme hymns, chosen annually, should be considered a valuable part of our literature inheritance. Let us urge that these hymns be sung frequently at our meetings and at church services, lest we miss the inspiration and spirit of worship which they contain! In them, preceding generations have voiced for us the reality of their Christian faith.

TAKE A LOOK AT . . .

The American Baptist Convention

Whether you "grew up" as an American Baptist, or whether you have come to us from some other fellowship, you cannot fail to rejoice at the dedication of our missionaries, the consecrated service of our ministers, and the growing awareness of responsibility on the part of our lay men and lay women. We have an official denominational family, devotedly endeavoring to serve God and the world which he created.

Let us be humbly grateful that we can share in this great work! As chairmen of Literature for the National Council of American Baptist Women, we have an invaluable contribution to make. Let us make it in a spirit of dedication and prayer, keeping in mind God's sure promise of results! "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9).

"My Help Cometh From the Lord"

I thank Thee, Lord, that I can view this task
As service rendered joyously to Thee.
No greater strength and courage could I ask
Than just to know that Thou are helping me.

To the Vice-Presidents of Missions

From: HARRIET BARKER (Mrs. Marshall B. Barker)
National Vice-President of Missions
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 3327 Huntington Boulevard, Fresno 2, California

Dear Vice-Presidents of Missions:

The well loved words of the Psalmist in Psalm 121, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills . . . my help cometh from the Lord," came to my mind again and again for renewed appreciation while I was in the High Sierras last summer. And I wondered whether you, too, in similar situations might be meditating on that same verse at that same time.

OUR TASK

A Congolese pastor said, "When first we heard the Word of God, we thought it was a great tree under which we could sit and rest. Now we find it is a machete which we must pick up and go to work." Vice-Presidents of Missions all over the land know this to be true. We need to get to work. There is much to be done.

In the year ahead our aim must be for *all* the women in *all* the churches to:

1. Become personally interested in our missionaries.
2. Give generously and cheerfully.
3. Seek out young people who might be challenged by the opportunities of missionary service.
4. Read a greater number of missionary books.
5. Be more understanding of the world's people and their problems.
6. Pray more earnestly that all the world may come to know God as Father.

The Word of God is *not* a tree under which we may sit and rest. It *is* a machete. Pick it up and go to work!

ARE YOU TRAINED FOR YOUR TASK?

Trained leadership is one of the great needs in all our mission fields. There is also a need for trained Vice-Presidents of Missions. Some do not realize the importance of our task. Too many do not make use of materials, which are already available. Do *you* regularly read *Missions, Crusader, A Book of Remembrance,* THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, and other American Baptist missionary literature?

NEW LITERATURE SUBSCRIPTION PLAN

A subscription to "New Literature" will help to keep us all up-to-date. Send $1.50 to American Baptist Convention, Department of Literature, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. You will receive a "Packet of New Literature" every other month. You will also receive a copy of *A Book of Remembrance* during December, the four copies of *The Secret Place* during the year, plus samples of new literature produced by the agencies and societies of the American Baptist Convention.

FALL PLANS

Do plan to have a Division meeting *soon.* Have chairmen working with you in the Division. Even if your society is small, find someone to take a chairmanship. Plan, pray and work together.

SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR A DIVISION MEETING

The items on the agenda will vary for each meeting, depending upon the time of year and upon your local program. The items in the following agenda are suggestive. All items will not be included in each agenda. Items will appear on the agenda only as needed.

AGENDA

1. Prayer
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education:
   a. Report of activities planned at last meeting.
   b. New plans* (for mission or stewardship classes; how to encourage missionary reading)
4. Chairman of Special Interest Missionaries
   a. Report of activities
   b. New plans* (birthdays of specials; publicity in church bulletins; ask pastor to pray for specials by name)
   Christmas plans
5. Chairman of Speakers and Interpreters
   a. Report of those speaking since last meeting
   b. New plans* (Encourage circles and organized classes to use speakers.)
   Use in School of Missions
6. Vice-President of Missions
   a. Report of activities
   b. New plans* (next annual missionary offering promotion; Recruitment Sunday in January; attendance at summer missions conferences and state and association missionary meetings.)
7. Special projects (exhibits; maps locating special interest missionaries and other areas of the work; posters; reading-book shelves; plans for complete,

or partial, support of a missionary, special gifts, and so forth.)

8. Annual reports
   a. Check last year's report.
   b. Are we improving?
   c. Where shall we seek to improve?
   d. Prepare new report in March or April.
9. Other items*
10. Adjourn with prayer for Special Interest Missionaries.

"TOOLS FOR THE TASK"

The theme for the 1958 World Fellowship Offering is "Tools for the Task."

How many electrical appliances are a part of your way of life? Would you like to keep house with only the "tools" your grandmother used? Many of us would find it difficult to prepare a meal without a mixer, refrigerator and oven regulator. These "tools" help us to do a better job more quickly and easily, leaving time for other things we want to do.

Our missionaries also need modern "tools" for their tasks. These needs may include such things as cars, jeeps, radios, photographs, record, tape recorders, loud speakers, books, maps, musical instruments, medical and surgical equipment. With these items our missionaries can do a better job more quickly and easily, freeing them for additional important work.

Do not hesitate to call attention to the needs of our missionaries. The women of America control 80 per cent of the country's wealth. If the women are interested, the money will be found.

Be sure to make use of the Worship Services in the packet. "Organ Echoes" in this packet, which you will receive shortly, is excellent for a circle program.

Remember the promotion of the World Fellowship among all women's groups in the church is YOUR DUTY!

HELP WANTED

Are any of these young people in your church? The following service opportunities await dedicated Baptist young people:

- Nurses: Latin America, Alaska, Burma, India, Congo, Philippines, Thailand
- Doctors: Assam, India, Congo, Thailand
- Dentists: Kimpesi, Congo
- Children's Home Parents: Alaska
- Mission Treasurer: Philippines
- Youth Worker: Leopoldville, Congo
- Teachers: Kindergarten, elementary, high school or seminary for Burma, India, Japan, Congo, Thailand.
- Christian Center Workers: Workers with boys and girls for Bengal Orissa, Congo, U. S. A.
- Literature and Literary Specialists: Congo
- Maintenance Engineer and Mechanic: Congo
- Agriculturalist: Burma, Congo
- Leadership Training Director: Burma
- Evangelists and Ministers: Everywhere that American Baptists are at work.

These and other openings are waiting to be filled. Preachers are needed always, but this is *layman's day* in missions and there are many opportunities for dedicated young people with various types of training and ability. Help find the right person for the job that is *right.*

For further information write to the Rev. W. W. Parkinson, American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., or to the Rev. Ernest Witham, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

INDIGINIZATION

Do you know what it means?

The California poppy is indiginous to my state. It is native; it lives here; it grows here; it is established here and does not have to be replanted or reseeded from the outside. It is indiginous.

Indiginization is a word we hear frequently in our foreign mission work today. The word is used in connection with the Christian Church in those countries where we American Baptists are working. It means about the same thing when applied to a church as it does to a plant. An indiginous church is self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating. This is the trend in the countries where we Baptists work today. For a complete, clear, brief statement of this trend in our Baptist family read the section, "Their New Day Overseas and Ours" in the new copy of *Faith and Fellowship of American Baptists.* This little book has been revised; therefore, be sure to get the edition with the red cover. It sells for eighty-five cents at American Baptist Book Stores. It also has a section on home missions entitled, "Our Work to Win America for Christ."

LAY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS: 1958-1959

All women of the church will want to participate in the workshop, "Women's Work in the Church." Vice-Presidents of Missions should also take part in "The Laity at Work in Missionary Promotion." If your church now has, or plans to set up a Board or Committee of Missionary Promotion, let it be known that the Vice-President of Missions of the Woman's Society should be a member, representing the women of the church. Do not be hesitant about this. This is not a personal matter. You are asking only that the position you hold be named to board membership.

OVERSEAS OUTREACH

This is the title of a new publication of our American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. It will take the place of *Along Kingdom Highways* in our reading and reporting. Be sure your society has a copy. Price, 35 cents.

*Always check the latest issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN and the past issues. Read Leader's Guide as published in the 1958 spring issue. If you do not have your "Vice-President of Missions Guide," as published in THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, Spring, 1958, send me ten cents for a copy.

To the Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education

From: Dorothy Ellis (Mrs. Thomas E. Ellis) (right)
Introducing: Leona Mueller (left)
(Mrs. Walter F. Mueller)
National Chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 1450 East Shore Drive,
St. Paul 6, Minnesota

Good Morning, Counterparts!

Or is it good afternoon or good evening? Whichever it is, I wonder whether you, too, have been awaiting eagerly the mail man's delivery of The American Baptist Woman. The fall program has begun and you and I know we need the latest news for our future meetings. I have discovered that I must read *all* the pages in The American Baptist Woman, in order to have the latest news on the entire program of the National Council of American Baptist Women. Do you, too, find this is true?

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS LEAFLET

"Resources for the School of Missions," a very helpful and attractive leaflet, is obtainable from either your state or city office. Write to your state or city office for a copy, or drop in and pick up one. There is no charge for this leaflet.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK HANDBOOK

A limited number of copies of "The Christian Education Week Handbook for 1957," a manual on Stewardship Education, is in stock on the shelves of the Department of Missionary and Stewardship Education. If you place your order—without delay—you may be one of the fortunate few to receive a copy for fifteen cents. Your society will find this book helpful in carrying out a program in Stewardship Education throughout the year.

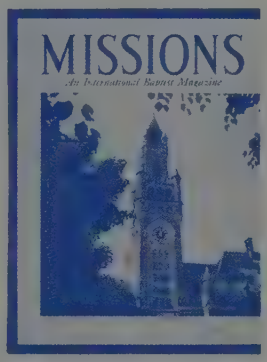
Send your order with fifteen cents to the Department of Missionary and Stewardship Education, 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.

STEWARDSHIP FACTS

The new edition of "Stewardship Facts" is available. Order from your nearest American Baptist Book Store. Price, 30 cents.

MISSIONS MAGAZINE

Missions magazine, now in its 156th year, is a MUST for every society. Why? Because it contains information about the total work of the American Baptist Convention at home and abroad, with special emphasis on missionary activities. *Missions*, published ten times a year, contains editorials, articles, news, book reviews, pictures and program helps. In each issue there is a special program for the small society or circle. This program is prepared by the same committee which prepared the Program Packet for the year.



A special subscription rate of one dollar is being offered under the Church Family Plan. Ask your pastor or your chairman of Literature for details. This is one bargain that no American Baptist family can afford to pass up.

MISSION STUDY

Are your plans completed for your *Middle East Pilgrimage?* It is, indeed, most timely that Protestant mission study groups are giving their attention during this year to this section of the world. Reading and study and discussion help us to evaluate situations and to understand people more clearly and more realistically.

Middle East Pilgrimage, by R. Park Johnson, is the basic adult study book. The paper edition is $1.50. Dr. Dorothy A. Stevens is the author of the *Baptist Mission Study Guide*, based upon the study and reading books for the foreign mission study theme: Middle East. This guide, priced 50 cents, gives excellent background material for all leaders.

The Lands Between, by John Badeau, price $1.75, is suggested for leaders of mission study groups; while *A Tool in His Hand*, by Ann M. Harrison, price $1.50, is recommended for general reading.

Village Reborn, a filmstrip, is an inspiring story of how a literacy class in a village church revolutionized the life of an entire Egyptian community. This filmstrip is in color; the showing requires 30 minutes. It may be rented for three dollars from your nearest Baptist Film

Library: 19 South La Salle St., Chicago 3, Ill.; 152 Madison Ave.. New York 16, N. Y.; 2107 Woolsey St., Berkeley 5, Calif.

Remember the use of maps will add interest to your study. A Lebanese dinner—with exhibit of treasures from the Middle East—will make your study a fascinating one. The imagination can wander into Bible lands, across hot deserts, down narrow canopied streets passing veiled women and long robed men—all God's children. And as the imagination wanders, deeper and deeper will become the concern for those who pass by in the mind's eye.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

Concerns of a Continent, by James Hoffman, is the basic adult book for the home mission study. This book on Alaska, Canada, Caribbean, Hawaii, Mexico and the U.S.A. is important. Price, $1.50.

Other books for study and background reading, suggestions for maps, plays and filmstrips will be found in the leaflet "Friends Through Books."

REPORTS

Reports are tremendously important. They tell us what is being done by American Baptist women across our Convention. They indicate the magnitude of the work being done by American Baptist women; they reveal our weaknesses as well as our strength.

The following information is taken from the 1957-1958 annual reports from chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education:

Societies reporting	2,148
Study classes conducted	1,723

Foreign	*Home*	*Stewardship*
743	587	393

Groups presenting American Baptist World Mission at eight or more meetings	2,425
Societies adding new books to their libraries	1,899
Number of readers	83,981
Number of books read	502,623
Societies reporting:	
50 per cent reading one book	1,621
10 per cent reading three books	1,501
5 per cent reading five books	1,216
Number of societies promoting tithing	1,272
Number of Stewardship books read	16,078
Number reading Stewardship books	8,960
Number of Chairmen serving on the:	
Church Board of Christian Education	1,019
Church Committee or Board of Missionary and Stewardship Education	1,015
Number of Chairmen helping to plan a Church School of Missions	837
Number of Chairmen using THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN	1,524
Chairmen attending conferences and workshops	7,687

Association and state chairmen received leadership training at conferences, house parties, Green Lake conferences, and through the *Leader's Guides, You Can Be A Leader*, and THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

THE NEW CHAIRMEN OF Missionary and Stewardship Education

During the past four years it has been my privilege to work with you. I now take great pleasure in presenting to you your new National Chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education, Mrs. Walter F. Mueller of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mrs. Mueller, who is a very able and enthusiastic worker, has served the women of Minnesota as the State First Vice-President and as President. I know you will enjoy working with her.

For the helpful letters and suggestions and for the friendship which we have shared, I want to express to each of you my sincere appreciation.

Mrs. Mueller will now, at my request, tell you something about herself.

Let's Get Acquainted

By Leona Mueller

Perhaps you would like to know something of my personal life before we settle down to real essentials.

My family consists of my husband, who is an electrical engineer, and our son who is a senior at the University of Minnesota. We are members of Minnesota's oldest Baptist Church, which was written up in *Crusader* as "The Church that Stayed." First Baptist Church is a downtown church with one thousand members.

Although we live in the heart of the city, natural beauty surrounds us. Lake Phalen, with its dancing waves and the beauty of the sky mirrored in its waters, is just across the Drive. From my kitchen window, I can see our own "private park" with its huge oak trees, the lilac bushes, the evergreens and a few fruit trees which in season scent the air with their lovely blossoms which appear like magic after a Minnesota winter of ice and snow.

As the in-coming chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education, it is indeed a privilege and a pleasure to greet you. Some of you, too, probably are newly elected chairmen also. I look forward to knowing each one of you, either in person or through letters. It is through our correspondence that we share our problems and achievements, and I hope your letters will come soon.

Reminders

Mrs. Ellis has given us much fine help and many suggestions through our page of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. It is especially important that we frequently check up on the goals, printed in the April, 1958, issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

You will be interested, I believe, in a new sketch presenting some of the 1958-1959 reading books and literature. Two copies will be sufficient for a presentation. If you wish a copy, write to me, 1450 East Shore Drive, St. Paul 6, Minn., enclosing ten cents for each copy, please.

Let me know if you are planning to be in Denver for the Eighth National Assembly of the United Church Women, October 27-30, 1958. Perhaps we can arrange a meeting.

To the Chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters

From: Pauline Maul (Mrs. Paul T. Maul)
National Chairman of Speakers and Interpreters
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 2 Oak Lane, Anderson, Indiana

Dear Friends:

Are you all set for the work ahead? Your summer, I trust, was a pleasant one. There may have been vacation trips, visits with children and grandchildren, attendance at house parties or conferences, or, perhaps, just rest or work. But now comes autumn and her call to get busy!

Knowledge, Training and Inspiration . . .

Gained by many hundreds of our women in convention sessions, house parties and training conferences from local to national, from home church to Cincinnati and Green Lake, can be put to good use in the months ahead.

Enthusiasm

Is a contribution all of us can add to make this year our best year of all!

Are Your Workbooks In Order?

A new chairman should give much time to the Workbook given to her by her predecessor. The Workbook should contain your pages from The American Baptist Woman, letters from counterparts, names of Speakers and Interpreters, and so forth. Promotional material, used by your predecessor, should also be included and it should be kept on file in the Workbook for future reference.

Refer to the contents of your Workbook frequently for guidance. The background material will inspire you to build upon the foundation that has been laid.

LET US ELIMINATE CONFUSION!

Please read with great care the following statement:

• Speakers and Interpreters have as their duty and purpose the responsibility of preparing and delivering speeches.

• Chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters have as their duty and purpose the promotion of the use of Speakers and Interpreters. All chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters—national, state, association, local—are promoters. Yes, association chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters also have the responsibility of enlisting Speakers and Interpreters.

• Speakers and Interpreters receive packets of material three times each year. These packets are mailed to the Speakers and Interpreters by the offices of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies or the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies.

• Chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters do *not* receive packets of material unless their names and addresses are included in the list of Speakers and Interpreters.

• Chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters who want to use the packet materials in their promotional work may receive the packets by registering as a Speaker and an Interpreter, thus having their names placed on both mailing lists.

ATTENTION, ALL LOCAL CHAIRMEN!

• Have you told your pastor that there are Speakers and Interpreters available for speaking engagements in your church? Your pastor, I am sure, will be happy to know that there are people who are prepared to speak about missions and who are available for this purpose.

• Have you thought of a Speaker or an Interpreter when an emergency has arisen? Whenever a speaker is needed for a program—and this need sometimes arises unexpectedly or on short notice—invite a Speaker or Interpreter. They are prepared.

• Are you working with the youth groups in your church? Talks about various phases of missions will add zest and interest to their meetings. Some of the young people may be challenged to a personal commitment to missionary service.

• Have you written to your association Chairman of Speakers and Interpreters? Perhaps you have already done so. If not, let her know that you are the Chairman of Speakers and Interpreters in your church, so that she, in turn, may keep in touch with you.

SOURCES AND RESOURCES

On some of the annual reports for 1957-1958, it was suggested that more material be provided. Maps, charts, plays, films and programs were requested. Unfortunately the cost of adding these items to the packets is prohibitive. Therefore, please accept these suggestions:

→ Study "Literature Highlights" and note that it lists two kinds of literature: free and priced. The literature produced—or approved—by our denominational societies and agencies has been assembled and classified by our national chairman of Literature for you in "Literature Highlights." Suggestions for the maps, charts, plays, films, programs, study and reading books for which you requested information are listed in "Literature Highlights."

→ Study "Friends Through Books." In this leaflet, prepared by the Department of Missionary and Stewardship Education, you will also find suggestions for reading and study books, maps, plays, films and filmstrips, as well as a list of all the books included in the "American Baptist Missionary Reading and Study Program."

→ Study *Missions* and the *Crusader*. *Missions*, an international Baptist magazine, and *Crusader*, the American Baptist Newsmagazine, are rich sources for interesting material. Your current magazines and newspapers often contain usable articles. And don't forget the Public Library!

"Our Aunt Mary"

To the Dayton Association of Dayton, Ohio, we express appreciation for sharing the following skit with us. "Our Aunt Mary," a skit having the form of a telecast, might be used at an association meeting when the Speakers and Interpreters of the association are being introduced.

[PROPERTIES: Ten large cards labeled *Devotions, Introduction, Speaker, Interpreter, Understanding, Courtesy, Love Gift Offering, Business Meeting, Smile,* and *Thank You.* A large container or box in which to mix the ingredients, and one poster with the words *Delectable Program* written across it. Table large enough to hold all the articles and a microphone. Of course, the Speakers and the Interpreters who are to be introduced as the various "brands" must be on hand.]

[DIRECTIONS: Hold up each card with proper label as that ingredient is added to the recipe. If recipe calls for *short* introduction, use only a short piece of the card labeled *Introduction,* and so forth. When recipe is completed, produce poster (red with white lettering is attractive) bearing the words, *Delectable Program.* This little skit, requiring approximately ten minutes, is effective if produced with expression and timing. It should not be hurried nor should it be allowed to drag.]

ANNOUNCER: And now it is time for "Our Aunt Mary" and her helpful hints for program planning. This program is sponsored by Missions Unlimited. Now here is Aunt Mary.

AUNT MARY: Good afternoon, ladies. I know all of you are always on the look-out for ways to give your programs more dash and sparkle so I'm sure you will just love the recipe I have for you today. I know you will want to take this down, so get pencil and paper ready. All set?

First, measure one short period of *Devotions.* (This helps to "condition" the rest of the ingredients.) Now, take one *Speaker* flavored with home missions or one *Interpreter* with an overseas taste. Either one is good and you really should try both to add distinction to your programs. Oh, yes, make one brief *Introduction* of Speaker and Interpreter. The manner in which this is done is most important since it is necessary to give them a feeling of warmth. Combine with group of people—any age, size, shape or condition will do. Let set for some twenty or thirty minutes, until the message of the Speaker or Interpreter is all soaked up. The important thing to remember here, ladies, is that these people should be gathered together in one spot. It may be a missionary or circle meeting, youth fellowship or guild group, school of missions, Sunday service, vacation church school, convention or association meeting, house party, P.T.A., or any other good place you can think of. While you are waiting for the people to soak up the message, make sure that they are sprinkled generously with *Understanding* and a considerable amount of *Courtesy.* When the people are well soaked with the message, finish them off with a *Love Gift Offering,* followed by a very short *Business Meeting.* These ingredients should be added last for best results. Garnish with a *Smile* and a warm *Thank You* to all the program ingredients, especially the principal ones. And there you have it, ladies—a *Delectable Program* that is guaranteed to be popular with men, women and children.

Just a word of caution before you hurry off to try this new recipe. Be sure to use well-known brands for your Speakers and Interpreters. I brought along the brands I recommend as being the best on the local market. Here we have a brand of Speaker who is readily available. She is ..... of ..... She is young and enthusiastic and has much to offer. Now this next brand has a foreign flavor; is very well known and most reliable. She may be secured by addressing ..... Equally good is the brand known as ..... also with a foreign flavor. *[Fill in names and addresses and continue in the same fashion until all Speakers and Interpreters have been introduced.]*

As you see, these brands of Speakers and Interpreters are available in all sizes and all contain the same high-grade passion for missions. May I make this suggestion? Order direct, specifying date and time and place of meeting, order of program, the length of time allowed for message, and transportation arrangements.

These Speakers and Interpreters are free for the asking, until June, 1959. Do not delay! Send for them today. Include cost of transportation or arrange for same, and handle with care upon arrival.

You'll find these brands of Speakers and Interpreters will add richness to your program and your programs will improve with frequent use.

I see by the clock on the wall it is time for me to run along! So, until we meet again, this is Aunt Mary reminding you that:

The harder we work and the more we know,
The faster our Missions is sure to grow!

ANNOUNCER: Missions Unlimited has brought you this telecast, live, incompatible color, through the facilities of the.....Baptist Church in.....in cooperation with the.....Association of American Baptist Churches.

Have you read the new leaflet, "Speakers and Interpreters"? A quantity was sent to each state chairman of Speakers and Interpreters for distribution to association and local chairman of Speakers and Interpreters.

To the Chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries

From: June Gates (Mrs. Elbert E. Gates, Jr.)
National Chairman of Special Interest Missionaries
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 630 Glen Avenue, Westfield
New Jersey

To the Chairmen of
Special Interest Missionaries:

American Baptist Convention—Cincinnati—June, 1958—all seem a long time ago! But the inspiration received during the Convention remains with me and will continue to do so throughout the days to come. To me, the most inspiring program was the dedication service for home and foreign missionaries. Since you and I, as chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries, are concerned deeply with all that affects our missionaries, I am recalling here for you the Sunday evening service, in Cincinnati, at which the new missionaries of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies and the American Baptist Home Mission Societies were presented, and in which all missionaries, attending the Convention, participated.

"ENTRUSTED WITH THE GOSPEL"

As I sat in Cincinnati Garden, the convention hall, and read and re-read the nineteenth and twentieth verses of the fifth chapter of Second Corinthians (RSV), ". . . entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us . . .," I concentrated upon those who take this message so seriously that they dedicate their whole life to this mission.

During the year preceding this Convention, these thirty-three missionaries, from the Associated Home Mission Agencies and these twenty missionaries from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies presented their credentials to the societies, and after careful, prayerful consideration and examination these fifty-three candidates had been accepted and commissioned by the respective societies. Now, at this Sunday evening service, they were marching down the broad aisle of the well-filled auditorium behind the flag of the country to which, with the Gospel message, they were going. There were doctors, nurses, teachers, ministers, Christian Center workers, administrators, and wives who were eager to make their Christian homes an example in a non-Christian area of the world. There were, also, many of our missionaries who were home on furlough. Most of them were in the native costume of the land where they are serving, symbolizing the extent to which they identify themselves with the life of their adopted country.

Preceding the Dedication Service there was distributed a poster, 17 x 22, printed on one side with the pictures and brief biographical data of the new missionaries to be presented to the Convention that evening by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, and on the reverse side those to be presented by the Associated Home Mission Agencies. One of these posters was sent to each state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries. How I wished it had been possible to send one to all association and local chairmen! It may be, however, that your poster and delegates from your church received this poster and took it home for the bulletin board in your church. We hope that perhaps two posters were taken home, so that the pictures on each side may be exhibited.

On this poster was printed: "Did one of these missionaries come from your church?" "These go in faith, dependent upon your prayers and gifts."

Let us consider the question: "Did one of these missionaries come from your church?" Are we as members of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society in our churches doing what we can to challenge our young people to dedicate their lives to full time Christian service? One way that we can really help so far as the girls of the church are concerned is to support the Fellowship Guild program. If there is not at least one Guild chapter in your church try to interest your women and your board of education in organizing one.

Let us consider the statement: "These go in faith, dependent upon your prayers and gifts." This statement is directly related to the work that we are trying to do. When we stop to think that these missionaries go out in faith, *depending* on our prayers and gifts we feel a deeper responsibility than ever to see that they are supported in the way they so rightly deserve.

ARE YOU A NEW CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL INTEREST MISSIONARIES?

Perhaps you have been recently appointed to this important chairmanship, and this is the first time you have read this message in The American Baptist Woman, written for chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries. If that be so, I extend a hearty welcome to you as you become a counterpart of all other chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries and serve as a member of the division of Missions. You will, without doubt, ex-

perience great joy as you work through your chairmanship for those who have dedicated their lives to serve as ambassadors for Christ and have gone forth in faith, dependent upon our prayers and gifts.

If, perhaps, you are not a chairman of Special Interest Missionaries, will you—if there is no chairman of Special Interest Missionaries in your Woman's Baptist Mission Society—do everything possible to have someone appointed to fill this chairmanship. With very few exceptions, it is the society that has a person serving as chairman of Special Interest Missionaries—that is doing the most significant work in this area of our program.

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR CHURCH

For those who are newly elected, chairmen, I am repeating certain suggestions that I hope you, in your church, will use this year for your Specials.

• As the months pass, I hope that each family in your church will find that its family circle has been enlarged to include the missionary and his family, if there is a family. Please note that I said, "Family," and not "Woman," because it is hoped that this interest in—and concern for—the Special will be that of the *entire* family, the *entire* church.

• This feeling of inclusion within the family circle may be deepened if each family in the home has a small, mounted picture of the missionary. If the missionary has a family it would be especially good to have a picture of the family group. The best source of supply for these pitcures is the pen sketch of each missionary. Pen sketches for foreign missionaries may be obtained from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., for the home missionaries, from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. When ordering, please enclose five cents for each pen sketch requested. If there is a family and a family picture is not a part of the pen sketch, write to the Department of Public Relations of either the American Baptist Home Mission Societies or the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, as the need may be, requesting a picture of the family. If no picture is on file in the office of these Societies, you may be sure that everything possible will be done to obtain one for you. When one picture is received, copies may be made from it. I stress the family picture because of the interest such a picture will have for the children in the families in your church. Your children will have special interest in these children who have gone with their parents to far-a-way places, and who are now a part of their own family prayer circle.

• Are you keeping your pastor constantly aware of your Special Interest Missionary for your church?

On the Sunday nearest to the missionary's birthday request him to pray for the missionary—by name—in his morning prayer.

• Suggest that your pastor prints a short article about the missionary in the weekly bulletin, including, possibly, excerpts from letters received from your Special Interest Missionary.

• Have pictures of your Special Interest Missionaries mounted attractively and exhibited in your church,.

• Present this material to the Sunday church school classes, include all age groups.

• Throughout the year keep records of letters, gifts, cards, and so forth, that you have sent so that at the end of the year your report will be an accurate account of that which you have done.

LEADER'S GUIDE

You know, I am sure, that your *Leader's Guide* was printed in the Spring, 1958, issue of The American Baptist Woman. If the guide was not included in your Workbook, given to you by your predecessor, or if you were unable to obtain a copy of your page in The American Baptist Woman, I have a limited supply and will be glad to send you a copy if you will write to me at my home address: 630 Glen Avenue, Westfield, N. J.

I sincerely hope that your society has at least one subscription to The American Baptist Woman. Each leader—each officer and each chairman—in your Woman's Baptist Mission Society will find the suggestions made by her national counterpart very helpful in carrying her responsibilities.

GIFTS TO MISSIONARIES

The question frequently arises regarding what to send to our missionaries at Christmas and for birthdays. The safest suggestion is to write to your missionary and ask her what she would like. When writing to her make some suggestions—such as, blouse, hosiery, lingerie, cake mix, books by title—so that she will have some idea what you have in mind. This will let her know that you are thinking of something personal; it will also give her an idea regarding the price range. Ask her for sizes and also include the family if there is one. Ask, also, about the approximate customs duty. Send the amount for customs duty that the missionary will have to pay on your gift package to the Treasurer of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., indicating that this amount is for the payment of customs duty on a package sent to ....

..... (name of missionary.)

All money sent to overseas missionaries should be sent through the Treasurer of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. Some of the missionaries may prefer to receive money, so you might include that suggestion in your list. Gifts to India must *not* exceed ten dollars.

In order to receive a reply from your missionary in time to make sure that your present will arrive for Christmas, you should put your letter in the mail this week. Be sure to send it by air mail.

I have seen the joy that came to our missionaries in foriegn fields, and the light in the eyes of the children when they unwrapped Christmas gifts from home. It moves one deeply.

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Service

From: Ruth McKinney (Mrs. Wade McKinney)
National Vice-President of Christian Service
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 3410 East 137th Street, Cleveland 20, Ohio

Dear Friends in Christian Service:

Did you have a good, restful vacation? I hope so, for there is much work ahead as we continue our activities in our societies. Those of you who attended your state house parties and the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, should have gained much information and enthusiasm with which to begin.

WELCOME

There are several new state vice-presidents of Christian Service and many in association and local societies who are assuming these duties for the first time. We extend to each of you a very hearty "Welcome" to our division of Christian Service.

You will find help for your work in your Leader's Guide which was printed in the Spring issue, 1958, of The American Baptist Woman. Your page, from the 1958 Spring issue, contains your guide and the emphases (goals) for 1958-1959. It should be on file in the Workbook given to you by your predecessor. If you do *not* have this page, please let me know and I will send you a copy so that you will have the necessary information concerning what is expected of you as a Vice-President of Christian Service.

LOVE GIFT

Once again we are thankful that the Love Gift went far above the goal for 1957. The offering was large: $533,951.24. But if we should break it down to the amount of per capita giving, would it be worthy in God's sight? One state exceeded its goal, but in a large city in that state the giving was less than two dollars per woman for the year.

Let us encourage not merely the giving of money to reach a goal, but also the giving of our other possessions and our talents, because of our love for God and his cause. It is only then that our giving is acceptable and far reaching in its influence.

WHITE CROSS

On every side we are hearing that White Cross quotas are larger this year than they have been for some time. It is, indeed, heartwarming to see how enthusiastically the quotas are being accepted. As vice-president in our division, will you work closely with your chairman of White Cross to make sure that all quotas are filled and sent on time? It is a good idea to check early to see that any quota—or any part of a quota—not accepted is given to some other society which is able to take care of it. These supplies, which are asked for by missionaries, are invaluable to them in the carrying on of their work.

It is not too early to begin to ship boxes of good, used clothing—and some new garments, if possible—to Mather School so that their Sales House may be supplied for the Christmas season. New and good, used clothing of all sorts (except woolen things that are meant for colder climates), used bedding, and household items are needed at once. Mail the boxes prepaid, marked White Cross, and addressed to Mather School, Beaufort, South Carolina. Do send along a stamped postal card addressed to the person sending the box, so that the box may be acknowledged with as little trouble as possible by the missionary.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

How far did you advance in better human relations in your community as a result of the year we spent studying "Christ, the Church and Race"? Do you see any progress? Let us not stop working in this area because it is no longer our topic for study. This is a real part of our daily Christian living. Tensions are great in our country and in many other parts of the world because of this issue. No greater service can be rendered to God or to our fellowmen than to seek some way of making our human relations, our social relations genuinely Christian. Let us continue to use every available means to bring about this condition.

MATERIALS

• Connecticut women made available to us last year a playlet which told of the work of our division. More than three hundred copies have been purchased and, I hope, successfully presented in three hundred or more societies. If you would like a copy, write to me at 3410 East 137th Street, Cleveland 20, Ohio, enclosing ten cents for each copy requested.

• "Unto Me," a playlet, Number 4 in the "Curtain Time" series, is an excellent portrayal of our division meeting. It is always up to date, and should be used by you, if you have not already done so. It may be purchased at your nearest American Baptist Book Store. Price, 25 cents.

• "Pic Pac Know." At the meeting of the Board of Managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women, in Cincinnati, June, 1958, the members of the Division of Christian Service gave their report in the form of a program seen on television. Many who saw "Pic Pac Know" have asked for copies. This has been mimeographed. You may receive a copy by writing to me at my home address. Please send ten cents for each copy. "Pic Pac Know" requires about twenty minutes. You may use it as it is written—reporting the work of the *national* division of Christian Service—or you may use the idea and substitute your own reports. This suggestion may add to the interest and charm of your report to your state board, or at the close of your year in the association or local society.

OVERSEAS RELIEF

In the Spring issue, 1958, of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, there appeared as one of our emphases, or goals, for 1958-1959, "Provide at least one shipment of clothing and/or send one food donation for overseas relief through Church World Service." Since that time you have received letters and leaflets, heard announcements on the air, and read in newspapers about the all-out drive for good, clean, used clothing so desperately needed in many parts of the world. Now we must get busy with our plans for collecting and shipping this clothing.

The suggestion has been made that a receptacle be placed in the vestibule of your church, or in some other prominent place. A large box or barrel can be made very attractive. Place a sign on it, asking everyone—men, women and children—to bring outgrown clothing—or clothing no longer in use—and deposit it in this container. Suggest that there may even be a dress or suit that can still be used—indeed, is liked very much—but is not really *needed.* That kind of giving is sharing.

As fast as you accumulate enough clothing for a shipment, call together your committee (committee may be you and your three chairmen in the division of Christian Service or it may be a special Overseas Relief Committee) and prepare the box and ship it to your nearest Church World Service Center: New Windsor, Maryland; Nappanee, Indiana; 110 East 29th St., New York 16, N. Y.; 4165 Duncan Ave., St. Louis 10 Mo.; 919 Emerald Ave., Modesto, Calif.

Be sure to send eight cents per pound for every pound of contributed clothing, to pay the costs of processing the clothes at the Church World Clothing Centers and to get the clothing from the Centers to the port.

THE 1957 LOVE GIFT

The Love Gift report for 1957 is printed here so that you may see the contribution made by your state to the total gift. The fiscal year 1958 is rapidly drawing to a close. By December 31, your record for the year will be made. How does your giving this year compare with last year's giving? Will your contribution help your state to exceed last year's gift?

Remember this is a gift of love and must be ever increasing.

National Love Gift Offering
January 1-December 31, 1957

States exceeding their goals with an increase over 1956 gift are indicated by three asterisks; states exceeding their goals, by two asterisks; states with an increase over 1956 gift, by one asterisk.

State	*Love Gift*	
Arizona	$3,695.61	*
California, Northern	21,180.10	***
California, Southern	76,940.64	***
Colorado	10,335.88	***
Connecticut	6,974.97	***
Delaware	1,332.60	
District of Columbia	11,391.31	***
Idaho	2,899.23	***
Illinois	32,151.84	***
Indiana	27,531.10	
Iowa	17,799.45	
Kansas	32,753.75	*
Maine	11,496.25	***
Massachusetts	19,379.69	**
Michigan	19,272.61	*
Minnesota	7,430.34	
Missouri	1,555.82	*
Montana	2,929.31	***
Nebraska	7,898.31	***
Nevada	1,839.35	***
New Hampshire	2,271.75	**
New Jersey	13,852.72	***
New York	34,847.75	***
North Dakota	2,185.04	***
Ohio	36,241.77	***
Oklahoma	120.00	*
Oregon	4,538.00	***
Pennsylvania	41,999.50	
Rhode Island	7,245.46	***
South Dakota	3,336.97	*
Utah	1,427.90	**
Vermont	2,093.52	***
Washington	11,834.36	
West Virginia	44,617.19	***
Wisconsin	6,530.17	***
Wyoming	2,794.59	***
Woman's Day Offering, Philadelphia	1,066.69	
National Missions Conference	159.70	
Total National Love Gift	$533,951.24	

MOUNTAINS

Our devotional theme this year, "Mountains of the Lord," is especially appropriate for our division.

As we lift our eyes to the hills and there catch a vision of the Glory of God, let us also get a vision of the needs of our fellowmen and a renewed realization of the fact that our help comes from God alone. Then let us be willing to take up the tasks on the plane of every day living, serving in any way we can that men may know the love of God as shown in His Son Jesus Christ.

May this be for you a full year of joyful service.

To the Chairmen of the Love Gift

From: Ruth Wager (Mrs. Lester P. Wager)
National Chairman of the Love Gift
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 189 Aberdeen Street, Rochester 19, New York

LOVE GIFTS AT HOME AND ABROAD

Our Love Gifts—yours and mine—inspire others to give. Because our gifts proclaim the message of God, people at home and abroad have accepted Christ as their Saviour. As he becomes the center of their lives, they, in turn, are eager to bring others to know of his love. So they rejoice that they, too, may have the privilege of sharing in the extension of his kingdom.

Love Gifts at Home
Indian American Women Offer Gifts

The women of our Oklahoma Indian Baptist Association also have caught the challenge of missions. With other American Baptist women throughout the country they bring their gifts of love to help others.

Although the idea of the Love Gift was a new one to the Indian women of the Brown Church Mission of Walters, Oklahoma, they wanted to participate. They, therefore, collected a Love Gift of twenty-five dollars in 1956 and another of twenty-five dollars in 1957.

At Bacone College, a women's missionary society was first organized in the fall of 1956, with twenty active members. Each member accepted a Love Gift box and in it placed her thank offerings. At the first opening forty dollars were received; at the second, forty-five dollars; and at the third opening, fifty dollars! Mrs. Dick West, their chairman of the Love Gift, reports that although Bacone is a missionary school, this is the first experience these women have had of belonging to the Woman's Baptist Mission Society and they are enjoying it.

In Nevada, the Colony Baptist Church, and Indian mission, also started a Woman's Mission Society in 1956, with fifteen active members. These members, too, are eager to share in our overall program for the Woman's Society and they make monthly Love Gifts. In the first three months after they organized, they gave $26.55 as their Love Gift. They sent a special request for the filmstrip "The Dedicated Dollar" so that they could see where their money goes.

In Polacca, Arizona, the Indian women also offer gifts.

Talent Offerings in Latin America

In several Latin American countries, the Baptist women are making outstanding gifts to mission work in their own areas.

In Cuba, the women call their gifts the "Offering of the Talents." In 1942 Elisa Infante, a small, frail woman, brought a bank to the convention held at Bayamo and asked people, as they registered, to drop five cents into it. The sum of $9.50, so collected, was distributed in amounts of fifty cents among the presidents of the nineteen societies. Each society worked its talents and the following year brought back a total of $136.64. The offering has increased until it has become several thousand dollars annually. The money is used for the mission work of our Eastern Cuba Baptist Convention.

In Puerto Rico, the women's gifts include their "talent" money and their "blessings" offerings. Through these gifts the women of Puerto Rico share in the work of the Evangelical Seminary and in the support of a chaplain to the government institutions, making their gifts through the Puerto Rico Baptist Convention. In 1950, the women longed to have all four of the graduates from their Baptist Missionary Training School at Barranquitas that year appointed as missionaries. Funds from the United States were not sufficient for that purpose. They resolved, therefore, to make their own dreams come true. The president of the Island Union of Baptist Women prepared a plan. It was "The Missionary Dollar": that is, extra gifts of one dollar per month made by women whose employment was not the sole source of income for their families. The salaries of the four young women were assured when the "Missionary Dollars" were added to the contributions of our Home Mission Societies and from the churches where they were employed. Now the women have expanded their gifts to help girls, coming to the states for missionary training, with their travel expenses and an additional small monthly allowance.

The Baptist women of El Salvador also take a special offering which is used for missionary extension in their country.

Thus our Love Gifts—the Love Gifts of all American Baptist women—start a chain reaction of loving and giving which extends throughout our own country down into Latin America and even reaches countries abroad.

Love Gifts Abroad
Japanese Women Give to Others

"You may ask why we are so eager for a mission outreach when there is obviously so much work to be done at home," said Mrs. Ayako Hino, of Japan, at the overseas planning meeting of our foreign mission societies in the fall of 1957. (See *Missions*, January, 1958.) Her answer to this question is: "Because it is different

to give of yourself to someone." When we give to others, our churches are thereby strengthened as in no other way.

Mrs. Hino, a teacher, in our Mary L. Colby Girl's School in Yokohama, related, her face glowing, how the Baptist women of Japan lovingly place their over and above gifts in a small tin box which is inscribed with appropriate Bible verses. They drop in coins to thank God for his blessings. During the Christmas season they bring their entire year's offerings and dedicate them to mission work.

Over and Above Gifts in Burma

Daw Hnit, one of our Baptist women leaders in Burma, reports that the Burman Baptist women are "real supporting pillars."

The gifts of love of the Congolese Baptist women are often peanuts, squash seeds, rice, manioc, or peppers. They bring their thank-offerings to the meetings in baskets gracefully balanced on their heads.

Some of the money from the sale of their gifts is used for the school children and also to tell the story of Jesus to the women in Leopoldville and other Congo communities. A part of their gifts have even been sent for mission work in Japan and Assam.

Mrs. Albert L. Slater, our missionary in Secunderabad, South India, tells the impressive story of the Love Gifts of the Telugu Baptist women in the dedication service, "Love Compels," written by her.

Love Compels

LEADER: There are two basic truths which must be comprehended before a Christian becomes a faithful and devoted steward. But is it possible to realize in truth that we came into this world with nothing; that all we have is a gift from God, because he loves us; and still not want to return to him the gifts which he asks of us? And is it possible to really see a sinless Christ, who gave himself unselfishly, completely for us who are sinners, without desiring to give—not the bare minimum he asks, but to sacrifice all we can to further his kingdom's work? We cannot understand the great love involved in these two truths without being compelled to give. Love compels us to give. Let us listen to the conversation between a new missionary and a Bible woman of India.

NEW MISSIONARY: *[Holds a Love Gift box.]* My friends back home, if you could only see what I see here in India as I think of filling such a Love Gift box. *[Bible woman enters.]* Tell me, Kammala Bai, how can we teach stewardship to our poor Christians here in India? They work from morn until night for not more than thirty-five cents a day, and they must manage with that to feed—often—as many as twelve mouths. How can they give?

BIBLE WOMAN: *[Excitedly]* Oh, but we can give. We *do* give! Have you not heard that the women of the Telugu Baptist Convention gave $6,533 Rupees ($1,375) over a period of three years and have built with it a Christian Center in the great railroad center of Bezwada? Yes, they are poor, but love compels our women to give.

NEW MISSIONARY: And do the women carry on a Christian program in the center? I am new. I haven't heard.

BIBLE WOMAN: Indeed they do. Two Bible women carry on a full program. Formerly a nurse-midwife served, but a new government dispensary has made her service unnecessary. At present there are 5,018 Rupees ($1,056) in their building fund and the women will decide at their annual convention how this may be spent to the best advantage to expand their work.

NEW MISSIONARY: How do the women give this money?

BIBLE WOMAN: There is no rigid rule about how the money is given. The women's convention does set up a budget apportioning a definite amount to each area of our South India field. In many women's societies the women put their Love Gifts in little clay banks, which are provided yearly by the local society or by the missionary. These banks are broken at a dedication service of the local society or association shortly before the convention each year. They are sent by a delegate to the convention. In many villages the women lay aside rice daily, or lovingly raise a chicken which is brought to the church at dedication time. These gifts are sold and the money is sent to the convention. The annual Love Gift has totaled over 5,000 Rupees. Last year 2,677 Rupees ($564) were given.

NEW MISSIONARY: Is most of the Love Gift given by poor village women?

BIBLE WOMAN: Oh, there are many teachers, nurses, doctors and government employees among the Christian women. But India is a country of many small villages. Therefore, by far the largest number of givers are village women who are already trying to live on an income far below subsistence level and who could easily feel they are unable to give. Love compels them to give.

NEW MISSIONARY: From whence cometh this love?

BIBLE WOMAN: There are many loves which have inspired our love. Basically our love is but a weak reflection of our Heavenly Father's great love which gives us all that we have, and of Jesus' matchless love for us on the cross. But the love and example of our American friends, through whose Love Gifts our work has been greatly helped, and continues to be furthered, has been an influential love as well.

LOVE GIFT OFFERING WITH HYMN: "Love Divine."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Our Father, we thank thee for every good and perfect gift which we have received from thy hand. Because we love thee, we offer our gifts of love. Use them to tell—to the far corners of the earth—the story of Christ's redeeming love. Amen.

To the Chairmen of White Cross

From: Pauline Brownell (Mrs. A. T. Brownell)
National Chairman of White Cross
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 125 South Webster Avenue, Jacksonville, Illinois

Greetings, Chairmen of White Cross!

In Galatians 6:9-10 (RSV) we read: "And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

QUOTAS

This year quotas were increased at the time of assignment. At least the Overseas quotas are much larger than in the past few years. That is good!

• We are now preparing supplies to be shipped to South India Medical centers at Hanumakonda, Nellore, Ongole, Ramapatnam, Vellore and Podili. For a period, you will recall, we were unable to send supplies to those hospitals. Work quotas, therefore, were considerably reduced.

• We are now providing supplies for the re-opened hospital at Kentung, Burma. This gives us greater opportunity, also, for service as we make additional gowns and dressings.

Many look upon these larger quotas as a privilege to join hands with our missionaries and those who are serving their fellow-men in places that may be miles removed from us.

May we find joy in providing the tools that enable our missionaries to bring the story of Jesus Christ and his redeeming love to those they serve.

May we pray often for the missionaries who use these supplies and those Christians who serve so faithfully in whatever places they are able to use that which our hands have provided.

WHITE CROSS DEDICATION

Mrs. Leslie A. Mayes of Long Beach, Calif., has prepared a service for the dedication of our White Cross supplies. She suggests that the chairman of White Cross lead in the reading of the Scripture and in giving the message—preferably from memory, otherwise told in her own words.

Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be."

Scripture: Matthew 26:7-13 or Mark 10:43-45.

Devotional Message: What a joyous and inspiring fact it is to know that Jesus found joy in his friendship and ministry both to men and to women.

Jesus ministered in special ways to the women of his company of followers. He healed their illnesses; forgave their sins; comforted them in the loss of members of their families, and restored their dead to life.

There are many special instances of Jesus' ministry to women. These stories are of special help to us. At one time Jesus showed compassionate understanding for a sinful woman and he rebuked those who were scornful of her. Again, he showed a deep appreciation of a costly gift. He understood that behind it was the motive of loving sacrifice, not extravagance and show. He expressed tender concern for his mother, even in the midst of his suffering on the cross. And after his resurrection, Jesus appeared gloriously to a grief-stricken woman.

Jesus challenged women to serve him in the specific task for which they were best suited. The Gospels tell us of several women among the early followers who shared with him the companionship of their family circles. What a joy it must have been to the homemaker who welcomed him hospitably after a wearisome journey; who offered him the strength and nourishment of a well-prepared meal and gave him a bed on which to rest! Perhaps there was an opportunity to serve him by washing or mending his garments, dusty from the long day's journey.

Today Christ still calls us as women to use our special skills in his service. Today, as did women in the past, we prepare meals which encourage Christian fellowship both in our homes and in our churches.

Today, we use our sewing skills, also, in his service. We make garments and many other useful items which express our Christian love and which strengthen the witness of our missionaries as they share the gospel here in the homeland and on our American Baptist mission fields around the world.

Tonight we, the women of the Woman's Society of the .....church, have gathered the results of this special White Cross ministry to dedicate them to the building of Christ's kingdom. Before we send them out, let us catch a glimpse of ways in which they will be used.

[Let a representative of each Circle, if possible, represent one of the missionaries to whom the quota is to be sent, telling how the missionary will distribute and use the item to strengthen her Christian message. For example, if it is a hospital gown, tell where the hospital is, how the gospel message is taught by Bible women with-

in the hospital, the poverty and needs of the patients and success of medical missions in opening hearts to the gospel. Such material should be taken from letters from the missionary and may be quoted directly or told.]

[Several types of missionary work should be used as illustrations: evangelistic, educational, and so forth. If letters are not available, find information of the mission station and missionary in, A Book of Remembrance, Missions, Crusader, *and other denominational papers.]*

[At the conclusion of the Circle presentation, the chairman of White Cross may ask the audience to share in a special offering to cover the shipping expenses. She will then close the service with this prayer of dedication.]

PRAYER: Our Heavenly Father, thou dost honor us by asking us to follow thee and to share in the building of thy Kingdom here. We thank thee that thou dost challenge each one of us to share in that great task, according to our own skills and to the measure of our ability. We thank thee, too, for this privilege of prayer.

We pray tonight for all the missionaries of Jesus Christ around the world. Wilt thou give to them good health and vitality for the performance of their tasks; mental alertness and clear vision that they may know thy will and thy wisdom as they plan. Wilt thou give to them constant awareness of thy companionship and thy guidance, that they may not know loneliness or discouragement.

And now we bring to thee these garments, these bandages and other items for service in our Christian hospitals and schools; these toys, dolls and scrapbooks and the clothing for small children. All these things we bring for thy blessing.

We thank thee for this opportunity for special service and we pray that every item shall carry to the missionary and to our Christian brethren a message of our Christian love and shall reflect the spirit of the Christ and shall aid in building his kingdom.

In thy name we pray. Amen.

Dorothy G. Gates, M.D., of the Christian Hospital, Moulmein, Burma, makes sure that these new arrivals are getting a good start in life.

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OTHER DEDICATION SERVICES

→ Dr. Irene A. Jones, associate executive secretary, Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches, has written a beautiful service to be used in the dedication of White Cross supplies.

Miss Jones has given the title "Twice Blest" to her service. You will want to order a copy of both of the services, written by Mrs. Mayes and Miss Jones, from either the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., or the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Be sure to send ten cents for each copy requested.

→ Another service for White Cross dedication is included in the Program Packet, "Mountains of the Lord." This service was prepared by Mrs. W. J. Brennan, of West Virginia. Mrs. Brennan was formerly chairman of White Cross for the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of West Virginia.

CHECK QUOTAS

Have you completed the quota assigned to your society?

Be sure to read carefully the instructions you received with the quota. It is very important that they be followed implicitly.

OVERLAND

Children are no longer in residence at Baker Cottage, Ouzinkie, Alaska. They have been transferred to McWhinnie, Ayer or Doane. Clothing for all children of Alaska should be directed to Kodiak Baptist Mission, Kodiak, Alaska.

The Reverend and Mrs. Norman Smith are now at Ouzinkie. They will continue the chapel and center program in Baker Cottage during the winter. They will sail to other villages and canneries in the summer. All materials for the Smiths should be sent to Ouzinkie, Alaska.

BECAUSE OF YOU

Adults and children can learn more through using the materials **you** send. In every center, on every Indian field, at other mission stations, needs are met, talents are developed, lessons are learned, leadership is trained, souls are saved, because **you** have provided the tools for the work.

Send all Overland shipments direct to the Field. Include in all boxes the names of the Society, the church, the name of the chairman of White Cross and her address.

To the Chairmen of Christian Social Relations

From: Nymah Vaux (Mrs. Harvey E. Vaux)
National Chairman of Christian Social Relations
Department of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 815 South 11th Street, Mt. Vernon, Washington

Greetings to all
Chairmen of Christian Social Relations!

Some of you are reading this page for the first time, while others, who are beginning a second, third, or even a fourth year as chairmen of Christian Social Relations, are old friends. To all of you "Welcome," and may this opportunity to serve be a blessing to you and to those to whom you minister. As Paul wrote to the church at Colossae, (J. B. Phillips' translation in *Letters to Young Churches*), so, too, would my wish for you be, that "As you live this new life, we pray that you will be strengthened from God's boundless resources, so that you will find yourselves able to pass through any experience and endure it with courage. . . . How I long that you may be encouraged and find out more and more how strong are the bonds of Christian love. . . . In this new man of God's design there is no distinction between Greek and Hebrew, Jew or Gentile, foreigner or savage, slave or free man. . . . As, therefore, God's picked representatives of the new humanity, purified, and beloved of God Himself, be merciful in action, and kindly in heart, humble in mind. . . . And above everything else, be truly loving, for love is the golden chain of all the virtues. . . . Whatever you do, put your whole heart and soul into it. . . ."

OUR OUTREACH

In this issue of The American Baptist Woman we are giving our attention especially to our outreach as Christian women in our communities—in your community, in my community.

• The fall of 1958 brings us another election month.

• On December 10, we will be joining with thousands of others to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the adoption by the General Assembly of the United Nations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. I am most grateful to Mrs. George Martin, our American Baptist Accredited Representative at the United Nations, for her statements in her editorial on page 2 of this issue of The American Baptist Woman, and on page 28 which follows. My plea is that you will use her material and suggestions.

• The calendar, in the following column, indicates that there is something that we can do in each month of the year. For two years I have been urging that you work with a group of concerned women, perhaps with the other three members of your Division of Christian Service, or with two or three other concerned women in your society. Your task calls for more than one woman. You need help! During the next few years, you will hear a good deal about how to work in and with a group. The techniques available will be yours to learn and to use. But before you even begin to learn these techniques, you can arrange for a **CSR Brunch.**

BRUNCHES

Last year's annual reports showed that 115 Brunches were held, with 1,185 women attending. Shall we set our goal for one thousand Brunches this year?

A Brunch, as you know, is held during that hour of the morning or afternoon, when the work is more-or-less done, and you need to sit down with a cup of coffee and a few friends. However, a **CSR Brunch** differs from the neighborhood "coffee," because these friends are those special members of your Baptist Woman's Society, who know, or want to know, more about our world, and how Christian women can be more effective in their witness and in their outreach.

→ Plan three Brunches. At the September or early October Brunch, make your concern "Christian Citizenship." Refer to "The Church Woman," June-July, 1958, article, entitled "Dear Mr. President." Write to the Council on Christian Social Progress, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., for the leaflets "The Church and Politics" and "Register Christian Opinion." Each leaflet, 10 cents.

→ In November hold a second Brunch, to prepare for the observance of Human Rights Day. Send for the materials listed by Mrs. Martin on the following page and *study*.

→ In January hold the third Brunch, to read and study the American Baptist Resolutions, especially in preparation for Race Relations Month.

Just imagine what could happen if 6,000 local chairmen of Christian Social Relations dedicated themselves to one project a month this year. How great would be our witness!

Letters to Young Churches. J. B. Phillips. The Macmillan Company. PP 124, 128, 129. $2.75. Reprinted with permission of the publisher.

Calendar of Special Dates for 1958-1959

September 29-October 1 . .	UN and Foreign Policy Seminar, New York, N. Y.
October 19	World Order Sunday
October 24	United Nation's Day
October 31	"Trick or Treat" for UNICEF
November 7	World Community Day
December 10	Human Rights Day
February	Brotherhood Month
February 8	Race Relations Sunday
February 3-6	Churchmen's Washington Seminar, Washington, D. C.
April 1	Report Time!
May 1	May Fellowship Day

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

By Mabel Martin

The tenth anniversary of the adoption by the General Assembly of the United Nations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights occurs on December 10, 1958. The American Baptist Convention, in session at Cincinnati, adopted a resolution urging the churches of the Convention to observe this important anniversary by "initiating studies of the Declaration and the degree to which its articles have been implemented in the life and organization of their communities."

The American Baptist Convention also urged our "Senate to place itself on record as opposed to forced labor, arbitrary arrest and the crime of genocide by ratifying the United Nations Conventions dealing with these matters."

There are many excellent materials available. Some of them suggest study and action in the local community and others describe the many ways in which the United Nations is at work on the task of bringing fundamental human rights to people. Very interesting and worthwhile programs can be presented either in young people's or women's groups, or in a mid-week service by using these materials for background study. A sample program appears on this page and the editorial page carries additional information.

Resource Materials for Human Rights Day

- American Baptist Convention Resolutions: No. IV, 9 Race Relations; No. V, 2 Human Rights.
- Constitution of the United States: Numbers 1-10; 15; 19 of the Amendments.
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Single copy free from the Council on Christian Social Progress, 152 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y.
- United Nations Works for Human Rights. Department of Public Information, United Nations, N. Y. 15 cents.
- In Your Hands. A Guide for Community Action. Council on Christian Social Progress. 50 cents.
- Posters. Set of four, 30 x 40. Department of Public Information, United Nations, N. Y. 40 cents.
- Filmstrips on Human Rights and on Genocide. Each with commentary. Department of Public Information, United Nations, N. Y. Each $2.00.

"Everyone Has the Right . . .?"

(A Suggested Program on Human Rights)

". . . and proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you."

I. What is a Right?

"A standard of *permitted* or *forbidden* action. . . ." "That which is morally just or due."

II. What Rights do you feel are yours to exercise from the time you rise in the morning until you retire at night —or during, perhaps, the course of twenty years? (Have the group name the rights that come to their minds and list them on a blackboard. Following are the major rights which they may suggest):

A. Personal Rights: Freedom to life and liberty; freedom from cruelty; freedom to travel; to choose a marriage partner and establish a home; to worship; to speak; and freedom for leisure.

B. Economic Rights: Freedom to own property; to earn a living in decent conditions and with fair pay; freedom from slavery.

C. Political and Social Rights: Freedom to vote and take part in government; to assemble and join groups; to receive equal protection under the law and fair public trial; to have equal opportunity for education and cultural advantages; to choose a place to live; and a nationality.

III. Who Bestows These Rights?

A. Does the *law* of the Nation determine them? (Refer to the Constitution of the United States and the first ten Amendments; also Amendments 15 and 19.)

B. Do the customs of the Community determine them? (Will the rights in a rural community be identical with those in an urban situation?)

C. Do parents have responsibility or authority in determining rights or is it wiser to let our young people follow the customs of the community? (Refer to the editorial and to the article on "Human Rights Day.")

D. Does the *Church* have any authority in determining rights? (Is there a difference between moral and legal rights?)

IV. Does *everyone* in my community have these rights? (Without distinction of any kind: such as, race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, or economic status?) Make a chart on the blackboard and check "yes," or "no," or "?" as to the equal rights of *all* the people in your community to use the facilities for membership or association in: churches, clubs, schools, restaurants, hotels, motels, places of recreation, stores, cities for home ownership or rental, and availability of job opportunities.

V. If those basic Human Rights are not available: *Why Not?* What do you propose to do about it? This is the crux of the matter. Are you prepared to "proclaim liberty throughout the land unto *all* the inhabitants thereof?" Are you prepared to look honestly at your own home town rather than with self-righteousness at Little Rock, or Russia, or Afghanistan? All action is local! Now list on the blackboard what you can do—then get to work!

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Training

From: Ruth Rohlfs (Mrs. Marcus Rohlfs)
National Vice-President of Christian Training
Division of Christian Training
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Dear Vice-Presidents of Christian Training:

The intervening days between our Spring issue of The American Baptist Woman and this Fall issue have been, I am sure, as full for you as for me. For me, there were the meetings of the Board of Managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women, Woman's Day and the Convention in Cincinnati; later, a severe fall which necessitated a sling for one arm; then, the National Women's Conference at Green Lake at which I conducted a workshop on Leadership Techniques and also a conference for counterparts. To my counterparts whom I had the opportunity either to meet in Cincinnati or to work and to plan with at Green Lake, and to my other counterparts continuing in office this year, my greetings! To you who have become a Vice-President of Christian Training—and, thus, a counterpart—since the last issue of The American Baptist Woman, I bid you a most cordial welcome! Your state, your association, your church and you should gain much as you contribute your creative ability and your constant and prayerful concern in connection with the opportunity given you for service and leadership.

IF NEWLY ELECTED . . .

Each local Vice-President of Christian Training should communicate, as quickly as possible, with her association counterpart, giving her name and full address.

Each association Vice-President of Christian Training will, doubtless, wish to send a greeting to each new local counterpart. Each newly elected association Vice-President of Christian Training should communicate, as quickly as possible, with her state counterpart, giving her name and full address.

State Vice-Presidents will, doubtless, wish to send a greeting to each new association counterpart. Newly elected state Vice-Presidents of Christian Training should communicate, as quickly as possible, with their national Vice-President of Christian Training.

TOOLS

Be sure to read the Spring, 1958, issue of The American Baptist Woman, included in the Workbook given to you by your predecessor. Your Leader's Guide and Emphases (Goals) for 1958-1959 are printed in the Spring issue, 1958. If for any reason you do not have your specific pages from that issue, pages 29-30, write to me for a copy.

Don't file the Annual Report for 1957-1958 until you have read it, analyzed it and discussed it with the other members of your division. It is here that you will be able to spot weaknesses.

WOMEN AND THE LAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The President of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society *and* the chairman of Leadership Training of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society are members of the *church committee* which is responsible for planning the Lay Development Program.

A Workshop Planning Committee for Women should have been at work for some time in the Woman's Society. Members of this committee are: the President, all members of the Division of Christian Training, the chairman of Publicity and the chairman of Literature. Please turn to pages 3 and 36 and read additional statements concerning "Women and the Lay Development Program."

The responsibilities of this *Workshop Planning Committee for Women* to which you and your chairmen—the entire division of Christian Training—belong are to:

1. Confer with the church committee on Lay Development to make plans for the participation of women in the church Retreat and Planning Conference.
2. Outline a program of publicity to interest the women of the church in the Lay Development Program.
3. Make a list of potential leaders and use every means to secure their attendance at the Workshop on "Women's Work in the Church."
4. Select—in consultation with the church committee on Lay Development—the most capable leader you can secure for the workshop on "Women's Work in the Church."
5. Plan to have not more than fourteen women to a workshop group. If you anticipate more, arrange for two or more workshops, each with its own leader. (See page 4 of the manual "Women's Work in the Church.")
6. Plan for the workshop leader—or leaders—to attend the District Coaching conference for the pastor and workshop leaders.
7. Enlist all the officers and chairmen and circle leaders of the Women's Society—also potential leaders—to attend the workshop sessions. Since the meetings are held in the evening, make a special effort to include the business and professional women.
8. Make plans to secure all the literature to be used in the workshops.
9. Provide a baby-sitting service to permit the attendance of young mothers.

10. Carry through on recommendations that came out of workshops.

LISTEN WITH ME . . .

TO the words of wisdom and quotable quotes of state Vice-Presidents of Christian Training with whom I have had recent communication.

Mrs. Paul Kreager of Wisconsin: "Over and over I have heard nominating committees say, when asking a woman to take office on an association, that 'All you have to do is to pass on the materials you get from the state officers.' This demonstrates that a training session for nominating committees is vital, for the members of the nominating committee *must* know the duties and goals of officers and chairmen. A vice-president should know how to conduct a division meeting, a workshop, and a conference. She must be a good listener, not a lecturer, and must have resources at her finger-tips. But no leader ought *ever* to wave a pamphlet in the air before her group and say, 'This is very helpful.' She must give clearly—or better still, write—the name of the item, the cost, where it may be procured and *then* read or tell a point or two that answers the question, 'Why is this leaflet helpful?'

"Due to the large number of projects ,such as Lay Development, CHEC, the Jubilee Advance, and local, association, and state projects, it is evident that local, association and state presidents must have well planned executive meetings in order not to bog down in utter confusion in planning the schedule of various emphases."

Mrs. John Hildebrand of Wyoming: "We need enthusiasm and belief in the *value of division work,* in spite of our distances. And in Wyoming the distances are great. Our cluster meetings in the state help at this point."

Mrs. Albert R. Smith of Colorado: "We are able to use your ideas as a springboard, developing our own pattern as they apply to our local situation.

"Our Leadership Training day last fall was a red letter day in our association, with sixty-three in attendance in informal groupings around the tables. Our theme was 'The 1957 Cruise of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of the Rocky Mountain Association—Charting Known and Unknown Seas in Program Planning.' All presentations were well prepared by enthusiastic leaders, using nautical terms. As one of the results of this meeting we are sure that in the future our nominating committees will have a deeper sense of mission."

Mrs. Alfred Hillier of the state of Washington: "It seems to me that the greatest need is to have the nominating committee on the job *all* the time. The members of the nominating committee should know the duties of each office and should choose only those qualified to fulfil the requirements. Nominees should know what is expected of them."

Does not all of this make us feel that we should put the spotlight on nominating committees? Do we agree that the nominating committee is at the heart of weak leadership, also at the heart of strong leadership?

Mrs. Herman Dilmore of New York: "We are trying a new plan for house parties in New York. For the last few years we had our conferences lead by members of the state team, but now we feel that local women should also have the opportunity for this experience. Each vice-president and chairman was asked this year to appoint a conference leader for each of the seven house parties across the state. At a meeting in Albany, we shall give the conference leaders materials, suggestions for displays, a suggested agenda, and helps which they may desire to use."

Mrs. Dilmore enclosed in her letter—from which the preceding statement was taken—an outline of division work for the year, which she sent to her counterparts. Her outline covers: Our Theme, Our Text, Our Task, Our Tools, Our Thoughts, Our Time, Our Treasure. The "treasure" is the three chairmen who work with her in the division of Christian Training. Attached to this outline is a page from each of these chairmen, on which the chairman wrote a job description for her area of work.

Miss Lucille Toothaker, of Maine, always has something helpful and inspirational to report, and by her enthusiasm you can tell that she has great feeling for what she is doing. "Through the years," writes Miss Toothaker, "I have seen our new struggling division go through many phases nationally and I have kept my finger on the pulse of it all. I find it a growing, healthy organism, developing into a very necessary part of the women's work. Many of the big and important changes and forward steps of the overall program of the National Council of American Baptist Women can be traced to a beginning in this department."

And, then, Miss Toothaker comments on that need with which we all are faced at times: that is, to present visually what we are and what we are doing. At Augusta, each of our divisions was allotted a Sunday school room and each presented its area of work in some unusual and effective form. A most worshipful center was arranged by our chairman of Spiritual Life. In one corner of the room was a table on which had been placed a variety of fascinating pamphlets and other literature on the family and home. On the four walls were posters pointing up what to teach our children about God, race, friendship, and several about how we train ourselves. Another table held invitations to Green Lake, bibliographies, and so forth, for each area in our division. Mounted on a poster, 24 x 28, were suggestions on program planning and general helps by the chairman of Leadership Training. A turnover chart on one of the tables featured mostly hand-drawn pictures and suggestions from the Goals for the year."

Miss Toothaker then concluded, "Having had a bit of a part in this tremendous thing which is our women's work for Him, . . . I will say that these have been among the best years of my life. It has been like laying a foundation, and now my successor will go on from here. *'One planted, another watered,'* says the Bible. Shall we pray that someone may find the work for her Master a bit easier because I tried?"

And may we add, "Because we tried."

To the Chairmen of Spiritual Life

From: Nadine Schultz (Mrs. Walter Schultz)
National Chairman of Spiritual Life
Division of Christian Training
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 930 Park Circle,
Boone, Iowa

Dear Partners in Spiritual Life:

At the conclusion of the Fifth National Women's Conference at Green Lake, I decided to remain for an additional week. In fact, I wanted to linger even longer at Green Lake in that lovely, secluded garden spot and do nothing. But Emily Herman's admonition in "The Secret Garden of the Soul" reminded me that our Lord spent the greater part of his ministry—not in the garden—but on the highway and in the market-place. Therefore, my thoughts turn to the splendid opportunities for service that await us this fall.

Association chairman of Spiritual Life, if you have not already written to your local counterparts and sent a greeting to each newcomer, why not do so immediately?

A REMINDER

About Religion in American Life (RIAL)

What is it? It is a national advertising campaign to turn men to God and to encourage regular church attendance, religious training for youth, and support of all churches and synagogues. Five million dollars worth of advertising through radio, TV, magazines, newspapers, billboards, car cards and every known media of modern mass communication is given by the Advertising Council at nominal cost.

When is RIAL carried on? During November. Americans will be directed to attend the religious institutions of their choice.

What can we do? We can watch for new people who may come to our churches through this campaign. We can make them welcome and offer our friendship.

BAPTIST DAY OF PRAYER: December 5, 1958

Theme: "O Come, Let us adore Him."

Scripture: Psalms 95:6-7.

Offering: Money, marked "Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, may be sent to the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. Make checks payable to the National Council of American Baptist Women.

Programs: Each church will receive *only* one copy. This should be sufficient, except in rare instances. If you did *not* receive your copy in August or September, please communicate with your association or state chairman of Spiritual Life.

Universal Bible Sunday—December 14, 1958

Highlights on Universal Bible Sunday

The following statement on "Universal Bible Sunday" was written especially for you, by Mr. Roy C. Madsen, Secretary of the Churches Department, American Bible Society:

Universal Bible Sunday is the high point of the American Bible Society's Worldwide Bible Reading campaign. This year the date is December 14.

This "Worldwide Bible Reading" program was originated fifteen years ago when a marine, separated from his family—but not from Christ, asked his family to join him daily in reading the same Bible passage that they might be one in thought.

Your pastor has received a free packet of materials, including bookmarks which list a Bible-reading reference for each day between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The bookmarks are for the use of each member of your congregation. All of you are asked to participate with millions of other people in the United States and fifty foreign countries in reading daily the same passage from the Bible.

The American Bible Society welcomes the opportunity to send these bookmarks, in any quantity without charge, into the farthest corners of the world; to shut-ins who cannot get to church; to people who are ill and need to share in the strength of this united worship; to people who are in institutions and need to be remembered and comforted.

Two hundred thousand posters will be sent out announcing this program and proclaiming the united efforts of those who share a great faith. The posters and the bookmarks will be printed in secular and religious magazines and newspapers reaching fifty million people, calling everyone to pause each day for a Bible reading, conscious that many, around the world, will be joining them.

Local groups can give great emphasis to this program by displays of Bibles, by local newspaper publicity, by securing the cooperation of their radio and television stations.

BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE

An Invitation from the Director

"The Baptist Jubilee Advance," says Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa, "is committed to (1) repentance from the shallow-

ness of our faith and practice, and (2) recovery of the Lordship of Christ at the cost of the lesser values of comfort, conformity, and quick success."

Dr. Morikawa continues: "We commend this task to all American Baptist women, who inherit the spirit of Ann of Ava. We invite you to search deep and touch anew the realities of the victory which Christ forged for us out of his refusal on Calvary to cease loving those who felt impelled to destroy him. We invite you to help us in prayer and deep surrender to make the Baptist Jubilee Advance one of advance into the truth which must be proclaimed, that to be saved is to be reconciled to fellow men by the same act of God's grace which reconciles us to him. We invite you to offer your powers of faith, vision, courage and creative imagination to the program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance."

NOTE CAREFULLY

In response to many requests for national Prayer Calls to be given in advance for use in year books, the Prayer Calls for the balance of this year appear in this issue. All the Prayer Calls for the program year 1959-1960 will be printed in the Spring issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

NATIONAL PRAYER CALLS

For Our Mission Needs . . .

OCTOBER — Bible Books: I and II Timothy, Titus

Pray for those making decisions at the United Nations as they endeavor to bring health and peace to the world. Pray for the success of the UNICEF "Trick or Treat" program. Offer a prayer of Thanksgiving for the achievements of the United Nations.

Pray that the Indian Americans, as they relocate in the cities of our country, may be drawn into the fellowship of our churches.

Pray for the work overseas where thousands, speaking different languages, are uniting in annual association meetings.

NOVEMBER — Bible Book: I Kings

Pray for wisdom to implement the recommendations from the workshop on "Women's Work in the Church" of the Lay Development program.

Pray that the reorganized Puerto Rican Baptist Convention may become an effective instrument for strengthening churches and for launching new missions.

Pray for God's continued blessing upon the ministry of the open Bible to Moslems where direct Christian work is not acceptable.

DECEMBER — Bible Book: Luke

Pray that women may glorify God daily as suggested by the theme for the Baptist Day of Prayer, "O Come, Let us adore Him."

Pray that new appointees for the Division of Evangelism may be used of God to prepare ministers and lay people for a more effective witness.

Pray for Gods' blessing upon evangelism by music at Christmas time as large choirs sing "The Messiah" and other Christian music in Shanghai, Tokyo and other cities of the Orient.

JANUARY — Bible Book: Ecclesiastes

Pray that we may deepen our prayer life as we join in Universal Week of Prayer, January 5-11. (Read the book, *Prayer,* by Frank Laubach or *Creative Prayer* by Herman.)

Pray that students on college and seminary campuses will make new commitments for more vital Christian living.

Pray God's guidance for our leaders on overseas mission fields as they plan and administer this year's work in evangelism, healing and education.

FEBRUARY — Bible Book: Ephesians

Pray for a growing awareness of the power to change a community that comes through working with other churches.

Pray for equitable political solutions in Cuba and an era of peace in which the work of the Christian church may go forward.

Pray that leaders in newly independent countries provide for their citizens who are in great need.

MARCH — Bible Books: I, II Peter; Jude

Pray that an increasing number of women members of our churches may reveal, through life and witness, the Risen Christ.

Pray that resources may be made available for development of the American Baptist Hospital in Haiti.

Pray earnestly for your special interest missionary that she may feel God's leading and presence.

APRIL — Bible Book: Daniel

Pray that every American Baptist women may become more aware of God's will for her life.

Pray that the goal of one new extension church each year in Hawaii may be realized.

Pray that God will call many dedicated leaders from those who are baptized during the Easter season.

MAY — Bible Book: Proverbs

Pray for the officers and chairmen in our local, association and state Woman's Baptist Mission Societies and in the National Council of American Baptist Women.

Pray that Indian American lay people may grow in leadership and may participate in the development of mature churches.

Pray that as women in the world gain more privileges, they may make it their first duty to build a Christian home and rear their children "in the fear and admonition of the Lord."

To the Chairmen of Family Life

From: Vivian Randle (Mrs. Stacy Randle)
National Chairman of Family Life
Division of Christian Training
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 377 North Main Street, Milltown, New Jersey

Dear Friends:

"Summer is a pocketful of memories," to borrow an expression from Miss Betty McKnight of Ohio. House parties, Woman's Day and the Convention, Green Lake conferences, vacation trips: how crowded and full our pockets of remembrance at this time of year!

One of the truly beautiful memories in the life of my own family is that of our Home Dedication Service, which I would like to share with you.

At 3:00 P.M., Easter Sunday, the rain came down in gray sheets. How sad we felt for those waiting to make a dash for the steps! Inside the house, the glow from lamps, here and there, showed we were ready. The fire was laid; flowers arranged; extra chairs, down from the attic. Fresh white curtains framed the shining windows —Stacy, my husband, *said* he bet it would rain and we just as well *not* wash the windows. Punch bowl and cups were set out on the table, and everything was in readiness for the dedication service in our old-new home.

At 3:15, feeling that no one else would brave the weather, the service began. The Reverend James Brown, the minister of our church, Miss Violet E. Rudd, administrative secretary for the National Council of American Baptist Women, and Stacy stood on one side of the fireplace; our daughters, Mary Lou and Margaret, and I faced them across the hearth.

Home Dedication

Father: "And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man *is there* that hath built a new house and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in battle, and another man dedicate it" (Deut. 20:5).

Thus we go to the Old Testament for authority in the ceremony we are to perform today. At that time, home dedication was considered so important that a man was given leave from his place in the line of battle to return and carry out this significant function.

Through the pressures of today's living this custom has fallen somewhat by the wayside. American Baptists, however, and other denominational groups are making an effort to restore to Christian Family Living the practice of Home Dedication.

And so we have invited you to join in a service of thanks and of acknowledgment to the One who has enabled us, by His grace, to come into ownership of this house.

Mother: In searching for a house to live in, we looked for no display of splendour. We sought no show of worldly wealth; but a place for the loving, the kind, the tender that form our idea of home. For we think it's the people who make a house real; with their kindly acts, the love they feel toward one another, and for those who come and go.

We are glad for your presence today to share with us in this service of dedication.

We would first wish to look backward with appreciation to the generations who have lived in this house and have loved it, we are sure, as much as we do now. But more important it seems to us, is the looking forward through our dreams and hopes toward a home where love is, and friendship, and reverence. We would dream of finding within these walls that invisible atmosphere of the Good Life which will make it a Bethany indeed.

Minister: The building of houses has always been associated with a permanent form of life. When the children of Israel were in Babylonian captivity, pining away for their homeland, the prophet Jeremiah wrote to them and told them that the captivity was going to be of long duration. Therefore, they should build houses and live in them, and they should plant vineyards and eat of them.

It is recorded, however, in another place that the voice of the Lord came to Jeremiah telling him he should buy a plot of land in Jerusalem even as it was being besieged afresh by Nebuchadnezzar. Jeremiah bought that land according to the revelation he had received as a token of his faith that God would lead his people again to live in that City which He had established for them.

Today we are gathered with these friends to dedicate this house which they have acquired as their home. We trust it may be a place of security, a place of love, a place of refreshment, a place of refuge from the turbulance of the world; a place of hospitality where they can share with their friends the faith that binds them as a family.

Father: Now, we welcome you to these rooms that represent so much careful workmanship on the part of carpenters, masons, plumbers, tinsmiths—and much advice and counsel from friends. All of these folk seemed to take a special interest in helping us bring this old house back to its former beauty and usefulness; in helping us to achieve what you see here.

The labor of my own hands and that of other members

of the family has been a labor of love, in spite of times when we grew weary with coping corners and thumbs got in the way of hammers; when the housekeeping side of the family rebelled at plaster and dirt and confusion; when we came not to mind too much the smell of paint along with the Christmas turkey; when the young people suggested it wasn't everybody who could have a work bench and step-ladder in the dining room.

First Child: The Bible, too, has something to say about love.

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing."

Second Child: "Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right."

First Child: "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends; . . . So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor. 13:1-8; 13. RSV).

Mother: *[As father lights the fire]*

"Wise was the choice that led our sires
To gather round their household fires,
And share the large content of all
Whose lines in pleasant places fall.

"More dear, as years on years advance,
We prize the things the years enhance.
And feel, as far and wide we roam,
That all we seek we leave at home."

(With apologies to Whittier)

Reader or Soloist: "Bless This House" *[Read by Miss Violet Rudd].*

Minister: [Prayer of Dedication]

Our gracious Father in Heaven, we are gathered together with these friends to dedicate this house to thy providential protection, and to thy leadership of these thy children in the way that thou wouldst indicate to them. All of us would join with them in the prayer of faith that thou wilt bless this house; that thou wilt make it a spiritual sanctuary for this father and this mother, and for these children. May they together share that love and that faith that will build them up and equip them for all of the requirements of life.

We ask, our Father, that the doors of this house may ever be open to hospitality, to love, to friendship. We ask that its doors may be narrow enough to shut out pride and envy and the unkind word, all that would distract these people from their high purposes, all that would mar the character of their minds and hearts.

We pray that thou wilt hallow this home and give it the benediction of thy gracious presence. May thy guiding hand be with each member of this family and with the friends who are gathered here. We ask thee to unite our hearts in the prayer that Jesus taught us: *(in unison)* "Our Father, Who are in Heaven, . . ."

The End.

For Your Home

I suggest a service of dedication when families have acquired a new or different house, as well as the most significant time of all when a brand new home has been established through marriage.

Wednesday of National Family Week, the first week in May, has been set aside by our American Baptist Convention, as a good time for home dedications to take place. But whatever date you choose for this significant function, you will be greatly blessed.

The preceding "Home Dedication Service" is rather personal since it was written for the particular need of my family. Each family using it would want to re-write those sections, including items pertinent to their own way of life.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Reports were heartening this year. Not in the number of societies reporting—360 less reported for the year 1957-1958. The delight came in noting substantial gains in three strategic areas of Family Life Education:

1. The increase in number of societies which now have a chairman of Family Life is encouragingly greater than last year.

2. Many more societies stressed church attendance as a family this year.

3. The gain in number that presented a program on Christian Family Living is significant.

I would like to suggest that each local chairman make a point of sending a report to her association chairman next year. Do so, even if you think it isn't "good" enough to make a difference. That wonderful twelfth chapter of 1 Corinthians, I think must have been written just for us at report time! The "diversities of gifts" and "differences of administrations," God has joined together for a perfect whole. Just so our "not so good" reports, joined together with all the others represent a greater service than we can imagine.

If you are planning a program on Christian Family Life, *Living Is A Family Affair* will be helpful. It is a booklet of six episodes, complete with devotional and study material. Any one episode may be presented at a Woman's Society, circle meeting or at a Church School Parents' meeting. Order from your Baptist Book Store. Price, 50 cents.

To the Chairmen of Leadership Training

From: VIOLET SPAULDING (right)
(Mrs. Schuyler Y. Spaulding)
Introducing: VERDA ALBRECHT (left)
(Mrs. William O. Albrecht)
National Chairman of Leadership Training
Division of Christian Training
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 611 South 10th Street,
Rocky Ford, Colorado

Greetings to the Chairmen of Leadership Training:

"We strive until the goal is gained,
then look for one still unattained.
Our records point the course we take
to greater records we can make.
For hope springs not from what we've done,
but from the work we've just begun."

These lines, inscribed on the walls of Tonga College Library, on one of the Tonga Islands in the South Pacific Ocean, are so pertinent to our Leadership Training program that I record them here for you.

During the past several years, we have, indeed, attained worthy goals. With each year's success we laid plans for greater achievement. The assurance of the confident, skilled leader has supplanted the hesitant approach of the novice in societies across the entire Convention, with consequent kindling of enthusiasm, saving of time, and increasing efficiency in general in Christian service.

THE MATURE PERSON

Through our program of Leadership Training we have —or should have—become more mature Baptist workers. Perhaps you would like to test your own maturity by a standard presented to clergymen by an eminent psychologist, Dr. William Zeller, of the famous Institute of Living, Hartford, Connecticut. I quote, with minor omissions:

Maturity Is Achieved in Three Fields

Thinking! Have you an honest self-esteem; the ability to be introspective, but not to the point of being selfish or self-centered; a good knowledge of your own motives and ambitions; goals that are realistic and practical; the ability to appraise yourself honestly, to establish adequate moral, social and religious values, to assume responsibility, to see yourself in relation to others, not to follow others blindly, not to be excessively reliant on God, to appraise the reality of the social and physical world, to accept criticism, to be tolerant, to respect others and their rights?

Feeling! Can you adapt to stress and worry, take set backs in your stride, postpone your own satisfactions for the desire of others? Do you have a sense of humor, a capacity for tenderness, ability to share feelings? Are you self-reliant, free of an excessive need to be a member of some accepted group?

Doing! Are you active in your relations with others, temperate, able to work creatively? Do you seek friends your own age, counsel the young, respect the aged?

I feel sure that you all pass this examination with good grades. Your contribution to our program has been outstanding. That is the logical sequence. "If you would create something," wrote Goethe, "you must be something."

THE MATURE LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

Perhaps our leadership training program should be tested for its maturity.

- What are we offering to our advanced leaders to stimulate and sustain their intellectual interests for the Baptist program? We know that there must always be repetition, to be sure, and basic instruction for the new leaders, but the workers familiar with the fundamentals must be challenged by a variety of workshops that will raise their own sights, and, then, through them the sights of countless others.
- Are we, in our leadership training programs, keeping abreast of the current tide of concern to focus attention on the gifted child, and on the older student with outstanding abilities. Are we, also, cognizant of the winter and summer seminars for top leaders in various fields of service by universities in cooperation with alert business executives.
- Are we helping our leaders to recognize the significance of human relations in their personal lives?
- Are we giving thought to the subject of emotional growth and psychological maturity?
- Are we helping our leaders to realize fully that today's world demands that church women possess the ability to interpret and evaluate intelligently the complex mass communication of the times?
- Are we offering study courses in classics on devotions, for deepening our spiritual life? In the secular world reading groups are making intensive studies of literary masterpieces. Why not make an intensive study of books by writers of profound Christian philosophy? The excellent bibliography, carefully prepared by Mrs. Walter E. Schultz, national chairman of Spiritual Life, will be a helpful guide. Send ten cents to Mrs. Schultz, 930 Park Circle, Boone, Iowa, for a copy.

• Are we testing the accomplishments in our Woman's Baptist Mission Societies by the reaction of those who look at us objectively? Perhaps you may wish to consider the possibility of having a "listening in" or "observer group" of other experienced and qualified leaders survey and appraise your individual societies.

AREAS THAT NEED BOLSTERING

1. For "the greater record we *can* make" we must exert greater effort in some areas that need bolstering. The weaknesses in our program we will turn into goals to be achieved with constructive action. We believe, for instance, that the Workbook is indispensible in every group—local, association, state—of our women's organization, but apparently we have not succeeded in convincing all leaders. Workbooks have proved their undeniable worth in briefing officers and chairmen in their responsibilities and also in giving them the history of their area of work, so that they may avoid problems already solved, and find foundation for future action.

2. Reports indicated that far from *all* of our leaders are making use of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, which is the best instrument we have for getting information and suggestions from national leader to state leader, to association leader, to local leader. Use every means that you have to acquaint the leaders in your state, in your associations, in your local societies with THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. Subscriptions for Volume 3, the 1959 edition, are now being taken. Subscriptions, with one dollar for each subscription, should be sent to your state chairman of Literature, unless your state has another plan for gathering subscriptions. October 15 is the deadline. The first issue in Volume 3 is the Winter, 1959 issue, due during January.

3. Only a very few societies with Circles are looking to you, local chairmen of Leadership Training, as the Circle Coordinator. This is your responsibility.

WOMEN AND THE LAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The President of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society *and* the Chairman of Leadership Training of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society are members of the *church committee* which is responsible for planning the Lay Development Program.

A Workshop Planning Committee for Women should have been at work for some time in the Woman's Society. Members of this committee are: the President, all members of the Division of Christian Training, the Chairman of Publicity and the Chairman of Literature.

The responsibilities of this Planning Committee for Women are outlined in the manual, "Women's Work in the Church." If your church is participating in the Lay Development Program, there is a copy of the manual, "Women's Work in the Church," in the Lay Development packet of materials. If your church does *not* have a packet of materials, order a copy of "Women's Work in the Church" from your nearest American Baptist Book Store. Price, 35 cents.

Please turn to pages 3 and 29 for additional information.

CIRCLE QUIZ

In a leaflet, entitled "Circles," printed by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions, The Methodist Church, there is a challenging quiz. We are printing it here with permission. Check yourself!

CIRCLE QUIZ

1. Does your chairman attend the executive committee meeting of the Woman's Society? Yes ☐ No ☐
2. Does she report and interpret the actions and program in a way that enlists the support of your circle members? Yes ☐ No ☐
3. Is your circle gaining new members for the Woman's Society? Yes ☐ No ☐
4. Is your circle developing new leaders for the Woman's Society? Yes ☐ No ☐
5. Is your circle well represented at the monthly meeting of the Woman's Society? Yes ☐ No ☐
6. Are the members urged and encouraged to attend and participate in the monthly meeting of the Woman's Society? Yes ☐ No ☐
7. Do members have a sense of responsibility for the total program of the Woman's Society? Yes ☐ No ☐
8. Do the members know the purpose and scope of the work? Yes ☐ No ☐
9. Do the members give willingly of their time, service and money? Yes ☐ No ☐
10. Check the purpose of your circle, judging from the usual type of meeting and program:

    Refreshments and Entertainment ..... ☐
    Fun and Fellowship ..... ☐
    Information and Inspiration ..... ☐
    Spiritual Growth and Guidance ..... ☐
    Combination of all elements ..... ☐

Are you satisfied with your score in this quiz?
If not, what are you going to do about it?

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

This is my last official message to you dedicated and wonderful fellow workers. I say to you a most sincere "thank you" for the enriching experience of working with you. The successes of our program are the results of hundreds of you striving together in constructive action. With the guidance and inspiration of my successor, Mrs. William Albrecht, you will go on with "the work we've just begun" to new goals "still unattained."

Mrs. Albrecht has outstanding qualifications for this chairmanship. She comes to us with enviable recommendations from her state, Colorado, in which she has been holding the state chairmanship of Leadership Training in the Woman's Baptist Mission Society and also on the Board of Christian Education. We will give her our utmost cooperation and will pray for her as she leads us. Send her a personal word of greeting, if you have not already done so.

Her address is: 611 South 10th Street, Rocky Ford, Colorado.

To Mrs. Albrecht and to you, local, association, and state chairmen of Leadership Training my best wishes and Godspeed.

To the Vice-Presidents of Business and Professional Women

From: Golda Morford
National Vice-President of Business and Professional Women
Division of Business and Professional Women
National Council of American Baptist Women
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LAST YEAR'S REPORTS ARE THIS YEAR'S CHALLENGE

Reports are like jig-saw puzzles. Each piece by itself has little or no meaning, but all pieces fitted together make a complete picture and often tell a complete story. When some pieces are missing, some part of the story is lost. So it has been with our reports. Some "pieces" are missing because a few failed to send reports and several failed to send complete reports. However, all of the pieces you did send have been carefully fitted together and do present a pleasing, if not a finished picture.

In the very lack of completeness lies our first challenge. Our picture is only one part of the larger picture of the American Baptist Woman's work. Whatever is left out of our picture will leave gaping holes in the larger picture. No matter how difficult or how confusing our own reports are to find and to fit together, can we not this year accept the challenge to work harder, do a more searching job in finding and matching our pieces so that the final report of the National Council of American Baptist Women may, so far as the Business and Professional Women's division is concerned, present a complete and accurate story of Baptist women's work?

Reported Groups

Our report did, as I said, in many ways present a pleasing picture—even with its missing pieces. You will be glad to know that we now have 1,161 reported groups of gainfully employed women. I say "reported" because there are still groups which exist but which are lost to us because they are not reporting.

The increase in the number of groups reporting indicates that our Baptist business and professional women are realizing that they are a part of a greater program and that their activities must be reported if the whole Baptist picture is to be painted for others to view—or for us to view with an eye as to where improvement can be made.

Further indications of increased awareness on the part of the business and professional women of their relation to their parent organization was the noticeable increase in the number of groups basing their program on the Program Packet, as well as the increased numbers of groups participating in the White Cross, Reading, and Love Gift programs.

The Love Gift

Our reported Love Gift contribution increased from $18,150.53 to $22,568.53. The fact, however, that this contribution covered only 572 business and professional women's groups gives rise to certain questions—to certain very challenging questions.

What *was* our total Love Gift contribution? Did the remaining 589 groups fail to contribute, or did they simply fail to report their contributions? A part of this year's task should be to see that we have *all* of our employed women's groups contributing and reporting their contributions to Love Gift. Remember reporting is one means we have of judging our participation in the program of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

Missionary Activities

Space does not allow for the inclusion here of a summary of all missionary activities reported, but copies of several local, association and state reports of missionary activities are now being made and will be available to you upon request.

These reports will not only help you to know what some other groups are doing, but will also, I hope, inspire you to "go and do likewise."

"Food for Thought"

The reports from eighty-eight newly organized groups of business and professional women brought me great happiness, and, again, "food for thought." The states which reported the greatest increase in *new* groups seemed to be the states in which there were also the greatest number of groups comprised of *only* gainfully employed women.

From several states came frank comments to the effect that groups made up entirely of gainfully employed women were the most active, and that local societies should be urged to promote the development of more of these groups. Furthermore, the greatest participation in missionary activities seemed apparent in states where gainfully employed groups outnumbered the mixed groups.

In the light of these facts, may we not be challenged to encourage the forming of more groups made up only of gainfully employed women?

Meetings and Training

It may be that many of the questions about *meetings* and *training* have seemed confusing to you, but your answers to these same questions gave me some important information. I learned that our vice-presidents are "getting around." They are attending (1) local, association and state business and professional women's meetings; (2) local, association and state meetings of the Woman's Societies, and (3) state conventions and national conferences.

Not only are they attending these meetings, but they say that they are receiving training as a result of their attendance. This all means that our visions are broadening, our dedication is deeping, and our work is prospering. Our work is prospering, it is true, but there is much that remains to be done.

Note Carefully

The following figures are indeed challenging. In the churches reporting, there were, on the membership rolls, 21,532 names of gainfully employed women and yet only 11,176 of these women were reported as active in the Woman's Societies. In other words, according to your reports, approximately 50 per cent of the gainfully employed women on our church rolls are playing no part in our denominational pattern for women.

If last year we reached only about 50 per cent of the employed women whose names were on the rolls of our churches, should we not be especially alert this year to reaching the other 50 per cent? Remember that our Goal—or our major emphasis for Baptist Business and Professional Women for 1958-1959—is "to help the employed woman to find her place in a group of Christian Business and Professional Women." (For the complete goal see the Leader's Guide for Business and Professional Women in the Spring issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, pages 37-38.)

THE INACTIVE EMPLOYED WOMAN

We should be eager to find our inactive employed women and to attract them into our Christian Business and Professional Women's groups. Here are some suggestions which may prove helpful in this very meaningful task of seeking to interest the inactive employed women in coming into our groups.

First, I suggest, that with the help of the pastor, church secretary, and the president of the Woman's Society each local Vice-President of Business and Professional Women provides herself with a list of *all* gainfully employed women attending her church. When these lists are completed many local vice-presidents will be amazed at the number of employed women whose names are on their church rolls.

Second, this list should be included in the Workbook of every local vice-president of Business and Professional Women. (See No. 16, page 38, of our Guide in the spring, 1958 issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

THERE WERE FIVE

A year ago, I was invited to speak on business and professional women's work in one of the smaller churches in my association. There were about a dozen women present. Of these, only five were gainfully employed. When I suggested that they develop a separate group for employed women, they assured me that to have a separate circle for business and professional women would not be possible because there were not enough employed women attending that church. At this moment I produced a list of the employed women who were attending their church. The list had been made for me by the President of the local Woman's Society. On the list were the names of forty employed women!

After the "shock waves" had subsided, the women present at that meeting decided first to organize a new business and professional women's circle and then to seek to draw into that circle women who were members of the church, but inactive in woman's work.

WORKING AS A UNIT

There should be in each local church a group of Christian employed women working as a unit within the Woman's Society. These women should have in their hands a list of employed women who are members of that church. Then they are ready to "help these employed women find places in a group of Christian business and professional women."

When the local Vice-President of Business and Professional Women asks her President to help prepare a list of names of employed women she is giving her an opportunity to carry out the suggestion made in the attractive new booklet, *The Magic Circle.*

It is important to remember that included in these lists of names should not only be the name of employed women now members of our churches, but also the names of those who live in our communities and are not enrolled as members of any Christian church. These women are the ones who urgently need to find places in groups of Christian business and professional women.

Let us make an all-out effort this year to gather into our Baptist business and professional women's circles the inactive women of our church and of our community!

THINK BEFORE DROPPING A NAME

Before deleting a name from your list of members or possible members, think about it, pray about it. The person may be another Mary Jones.

Mary is now doing an outstanding job of leadership in one of our business and professional women's circles, but some time ago one group had seriously considered dropping her name, "because she never responded." When Mary moved her name was given to the president of the Baptist Business and Professional Women's group in her new neighborhood, in spite of her apparent lack of interest. Where for four years one group failed, another in a matter of two or three weeks succeeded. Today Mary Jones is giving outstanding leadership to Baptist Business and Professional Women!

Take time to think.
Then pray.
Follow through with activity.
Results will follow.

To the Fellowship Guild Counselors

From: Marion Manogg (Mrs. Robert Manogg)
National Fellowship Guild Counselor
National Council of American Baptist Women
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NATIONAL GUILD HOUSE PARTY

What a wonderful week! Girls came to the National Guild House Party from 22 states, counselors from 12, and staff from 11.

You may well be proud if your girls were among the 135 enthusiastic, interested, cooperative, Christian girls who for one week lived together with 55 adults.

One of the most impressive events was . . .

The Dedication of the Guild Prayer Tower

On Sunday afternoon, July 13, 1958, the Guild Prayer Tower was formally dedicated. Miss Joan Lawson, representing the Guild Girls, presented the completed project to the American Baptist Assembly. Dr. Grant Anderson accepted it, expressing deep appreciation for what had been done. The Guild Prayer Tower was then dedicated as the place in the Abbey area where all who wish might go to worship individually.

Other Moments of Inspiration Included . . .

- The period, "Alone with God," that preceded activities of each day. Each girl found her own little spot for this period. Even the rain did not interrupt these precious moments.
- The visit to the Vesper area on Sunday evening to witness the missionary pageant, "The Unfinished Story," presented by the Division of Missions of the National Council of American Baptist Women.
- A talk by Miss Beulah McCoy of Japan.
- A missionary film.
- An installation service for the new National Guild Chairman, Miss Cathy Wilsey of Wisconsin. This service was followed by a beautiful dedication and communion service.
- The appeal, "Search Me O God," made by many girls after listening to Mrs. Jesse H. Parker's Bible talks, attending Mrs. Ralph F. Palmer's vespers, and taking part in the theme conference groups.

Other Events Included . . .

- A style show presented by the drama group.
- A hike to the art museum.
- A picnic—indoors, due to rain.

A NEW PROJECT!

Two thousand bibs for Mounds-Midway Hospitals! This is a new project adopted by the girls. Directions and patterns have been sent to all state Guild Counselors who will forward them to you at your request.

NEW DIRECTOR

I am happy to report to you that Miss Marjorie Wilson, our Guild Interne last year, has become the Director of World Outreach and Fellowship Guild.

We are indeed happy to have Miss Wilson as our Director of World Outreach and Fellowship and we wish God's blessing upon her as she continues the work she has been doing for the past year.

1958-1959 PLANS

Have you made your plans for this program year? Have you secured the new Program Kits and taken time to sit down with your officers and plan your programs for the year? Have you looked through the kits for previous years? There may be something in them that you will want to use this year.

Did you invite your chairman of White Cross to your planning meeting? Did you work out a time together for your White Cross work? Have you planned a dedication service for the time when your White Cross quota is filled and ready to be sent?

Have you suggested the possibility of some kind of extra work? In the reports that you sent to your association counselors this past year, you listed many extra activities in which your girls participated. A list has been compiled and sent to each state Guild Counselor with a suggestion that she pass some of the ideas on to you. There is space here to list only a few ideas from the four mimeographed pages:

- Baby sitting so that young married couples may attend monthly class meetings.
- Making tray favors for many groups.
- Giving money and supplies for various needs.
- Painting and cleaning the church nursery.
- Cataloguing church libraries.
- Preparing a church directory and distributing it to all members of the church.
- Working on serving and clean-up committees for banquets and suppers.
- Sending seeds to Burma, pictures to Miss Doris Wiseman, coupons to Anadarko, clothing to Mather, cookies to service men, Check-Pos to Korean orphans.

• Earning money to send girls to state or national house parties by making and selling Christmas corsages, cookies, candy, and by holding ice cream socials.

• Attending a "Glamorama" class, given by a local store, where girls were instructed in the care of hair, skin and clothes.

• Taking a trip by car to Chicago to visit the Baptist Student Center at the University of Chicago, Hull House, China Town, Chinese Baptist Church and the Baptist Missionary Training School.

• Visiting children and other patients in hospitals.

Communicate with your state Guild Counselor for further suggestions and ideas. Her list should provide many projects for you. This might be one means of getting some of the inactive girls in your church interested in Guild.

HAVE YOU BEEN . . .

IN touch with your chairman of Love Gift? Will she be ready to present the story of Love Gift for you? Has she some ideas for the presenting of Love Gifts each month? Does she plan a little dedication service for each month? Does she keep an accurate record of the girls received so that she can report at the end of the *calendar* year?

PROGRAM OF DEGREES

Are your girls participating in the Program of Degrees? Remember, the most important thing is not to hurry the girls. When you look over the requirements they are to accomplish you will note that it is recommended that only one or two items be worked on at one time and that many things be done for a period of at least six months. It is important that our girls grow during this phase of Guild work and that each thing they do becomes a very real part of every girl. You will find useful a notebook in which to record each girl's accomplishments.

THE READING PROGRAM

Are your girls taking part in the Reading Program? This is the weakest area of Guild activity. Look over the list of suggested books in the 1958-1959 "Guild Goals" and discover some new and interesting titles. Seventy-five per cent of your girls reading one book from each of the four areas of emphases, entitles your chapter to a reading award. Last year thirty-four chapters—only —qualified. Why not make this a special project for your Guild this year?

GENERAL GOALS

Have you looked over the suggested general goals in the 1958-1959 "Guild Goals"? Have you selected those that will help your chapter especially? You will notice that many of these are closely connected with the Program of Degrees.

IS YOUR SOCIAL CHAIRMAN BUSY?

Has your social chairman been busy planning the place for your meetings and the hostesses for these meetings? Has she suggested that you entertain other groups of girls to interest them in Guild? Did she suggest a meeting with an inter-racial group? Is she planning a mother-daughter meeting? Are you and she and her committee talking over these plans together?

As counselor, it is important to remember that this is a training time for your girls. Be ready to share your knowledge and enthusiasm, to give advice wisely, and to counsel as needed. It is not your responsibility to plan the activities of your chapter. It is your responsibility to work with and to assist your girls. May God bless you as you do so.

SPECIAL INTEREST MISSIONARIES

You have heard by now, I am sure, that the special interest missionaries assigned to the states have been interchanged. This has been done so that we may become acquainted with more missionaries of the field and become familiar with a wider range of our mission work.

If your chapter adopted a missionary from the list of specials and she is no longer a special for your state, get in touch with your association chairman of Special Interest Missionaries, requesting her to send you a list of those now assigned to your state. Your girls may have the joy of adopting a new missionary and thus widening their acquaintances.

OFFICERS

Has your Guild adopted the terminology suggested for our officers? We prefer to use the term *chairman* rather than president, *vice-chairman* instead of vice-president, *scribe* rather than secretary, and *steward* in place of treasurer. This terminology was decided upon in order to distinguish the Guild officers from those of the Baptist Youth Fellowship. Perhaps another goal for your chapter this year might be to accept the recommended titles and to begin to use them. They will soon become familiar.

PACKETS FOR NEW GUILDS

If you are organizing a Guild chapter—if this is the *first* Guild chapter in your church or if your church has been without a chapter for some time— please communicate with your state Guild Counselor and request a packet of materials. These packets—one to a church only, please—contain copies of most of our materials. You will need immediately the *Guild Guide*. Order this from your nearest American Baptist Book Store. Price, 80 cents. Program Kits for each age group should be ordered also from your nearest American Baptist Book Store. They are priced at 60 cents each. Love Gift boxes may be obtained from your state Guild Counselor.

RE-ENROLLMENT

What has happened to that attractive blue card you received from your state Counselor last spring, asking you to re-enroll your chapters? Please fill out your card and return it immediately. If you have misplaced your card, write to your state Counselor for another card. Our distribution of materials depends upon your re-enrollment.

To the Recording Secretaries

From: ZETA THAYER
(Mrs. Dean H. Thayer)

Introducing:

LOUISE REAGEN
(Mrs. William L. Reagan)
National Recording Secretary
National Council of American Baptist Women

To the Recording Secretaries:

To the Town and Country Leaders:

Through this issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, I am calling upon both the Recording Secretaries and the Town and Country leaders. The plan was originally to have this column carry in *alternate* issues information to the Recording Secretaries and to the Town and Country women's groups. However, as my term of office expired at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women on Woman's Day in Cincinnati, June 12, 1958, it seemed appropriate for me to visit with both the Recording Secretaries and Town and Country leaders in this issue.

A SECRETARY ASKS . . .

"What do we do about recommendations which are made by the Executive Committee to the Board of Managers, or by the Board of Managers to the Society?"

The Executive Committee of the National Council of American Baptist Women meets prior to the session of the Board of Managers. This gives opportunity to the officers of the Council to obtain the endorsement of the group upon any plans or recommendations which the officers and chairmen may wish to present to the Board of Managers. This procedure is, doubtless, followed in your society also.

WHAT DO WE DO WITH RECOMMENDATIONS?

It is the responsibility of the Recording Secretary to see that the President is supplied with a copy of any recommendations prior to the Board or Society meeting, in order that she may plan her business accordingly. A point is made to type all recommendations prior to the board meeting. In this way, if it is necessary that someone speak to the recommendation, an assignment may be made previous to the Board meeting.

TOWN AND COUNTRY NEWS

Leaders of Town and Country groups will be, I believe, tremendously pleased to know that a new leaflet has been printed especially for them. The leaflet entitled "The Small Society" is now available. A quantity has been sent to your state president with a request that she distribute one copy to each town and country society. If you have not received your copy, get in touch with our state president or write to the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Ave., New York

(Cut along this line)

To the Treasurers

From: EDITH MOUNT (Mrs. Ira C. Mount)
National Treasurer

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 80-84 233rd Street, Queens Village 27, New York

Fellow Treasurers:

Reports Have Come Alive For Me!

Early last spring, long before reports were due, I wrote to each state treasurer, asking her to send me a snapshot of herself. I suggested that other members of her family be included in the picture. And I even went so far as to ask her to reveal some of her activities in addition to being treasurer. Your pictures and the information in your delightful and illuminating letters are now in a very special scrapbook of treasurers and I take great pride in showing off my co-workers.

For me, your replies to my request made the annual reports come alive! When the reports arrived in early May, I could visualize as I read the return address on the outside of each envelope, (1) a charming lady in ranch attire as the treasurer of one of our western states; (2) the Christmas scene, "way down east," with twenty-seven grandchildren's stockings hung before the huge fireplace; (3) the brand new baby which arrived to bless the treasurer's home after twenty years of married life; (4) the two brides.

Reports, you see, were no longer sets of figures, but results of work achieved by busy, active women.

The joy that has come to me by "getting to know you," state treasurers, may come to local and association treasurers, to association and state treasurers, as you become acquainted with one another. This suggestion isn't original nor is it new. It will, however, bring real satisfaction if you become personally interested in your counterpart.

LOOKING BACKWARD, LOOKING FORWARD . . .

Reports showed great improvement this year:

- Only one state is *not* operating on a budget.
- Treasurers, carrying the responsibility for years, are abiding by a term of office and taking up new activities.
- More conferences are being held for local, association and state treasurers, thus affording a better understanding of our work.

What do we hope to accomplish this year?

- A more business-like way of caring for our financial responsibilities.
- A Workbook, prepared according to suggestions in the booklet, *A Training Program for Leaders,* page 27.

(Continuation of Treasurer's Column)

• This Workbook should be kept up to date, and at the end of the term of office it should be presented to the new treasurer.

• The courage to guard our interests. Sometimes it means facing the finance committee of the church, the association or the state convention, but we should make our needs known to responsible officers.

• The adoption of a budget. To the Committee on Finance of the Woman's Society, officers and committees of the society shall present all anticipated needs for funds, for inclusion, if possible, in the budget. The Finance Committee will recommend the budget to the Society for approval and adoption.

PLEDGE SERVICE

Most of our women's societies now raise their funds through pledges.

A pledge service is suggested:

• A worship setting of a globe—one very tall white candle and three smaller candles—would be appropriate.

• A reader may light the large candle, symbolizing Christ, and may quote some of the favorite "light" passages from the Bible.

• The first of the small candles may represent the prayers that we make for the advancement of our work. God has entrusted us with a power by which we can bring strength and guidance to our own lives and to the lives of others.

• The second candle may symbolize Service. We might renew our pledge to interpret the Christian life in terms of service.

• The third candle may represent the dedication of our Substance to the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Because of the desperate need in the world of the things money can buy, the flame of this candle must grow brighter each year.

• Pledges could be signed and collected while appropriate music is being played.

• A dedicatory prayer brings the service to a close.

THE JOY OF GIVING

Giving Is Surrender

It means that the giver has decided to invest a part of herself in the needs of others.

Giving Is Witnessing

What we give is a part of ourselves, going as a witness to people in other lands.

Giving Is Participation

We become a part of a cause by means of our contributions.

OUR WIDER OBLIGATIONS

The Christian is a member, not only of a human family, but also of the household of faith. Those who have the foresight and faith to make a Christian Will, make some provision for the continuance of their Christian interests.

Remember the National Council of American Baptist Women in your Will.

(Continuation of Recording Secretary's Column)

16, N. Y., requesting one copy for your society. While the quantity printed was not large, there is available one copy—free of charge— for each town and country group.

The leaflet was prepared by Mrs. Wayne Gordon, state president of Montana, and Mrs. Dean Thayer, national Recording Secretary and chairman of the Town and Country Committee. "The Small Society" was written to encourage especially those societies which have as few as six women—but six women who are missionary minded enough to want an organized Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

The leaflet, "The Small Society," explains the purpose of the Woman's Mission Society, the plan of organization, and suggests how to get started.

Appreciation is expressed to the American Baptist Home Mission Society for their helpful suggestions and for sharing the cost of this leaflet.

AND NOW I PRESENT TO YOU . . .

Mrs. William L. Reagan, the new Recording Secretary of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

Mrs. Reagan was born in Portland, Oregon. She was educated in the schools of Clark County, Washington, and in the Business College and Northwest Broadcasting School of Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Reagan, who lives at 4140 Rivercrest Drive, Salem, Oregon, comes to our Council with the highest recommendations. She has a record of activity in woman's mission society work, plus business training and experience in the secretarial and public relations field.

For three years during World War II, Mrs. Reagan served as training and staff officer in the Woman's Army Corps. In the Oregon Woman's Baptist Mission Society she has served as First Vice-President, as Chairman of Program, and as Recording Secretary.

For the United Church Women of Salem, Oregon, Mrs. Reagan has served as the chairman of Leadership Training and chairman of World Missions.

Mrs. Reagan is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon. She is the mother of a son and daughter, ages ten and eight.

IN BIDDING YOU ADIEU . . .

Counterparts, I have greatly enjoyed working with you, and I appreciate all that you have contributed to our woman's work either in a local society or on an association or state board. During this year with its inspiring theme, "Mountains of the Lord," I am sure your eyes will be turned upward and your resolution will be to press on to higher ground, ever toward the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus. May you find rich reward in your continuing service for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

From: WAKA DANNENHAUER (right)
(Mrs. Kenneth Dannenhauer)
Introducing: FAITH BAILEY (left)
(Mrs. Ernest B. Bailey)
National Chairman of Publicity
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Syracuse, New York

Greetings!

At the board sessions of our National Council of American Baptist Women in Cincinnati, June, 1958, Mrs. Clayton D. Eulette, national chairman of Literature enlivened her report with this story:

A boy was sent by his mother to the country store with a jug. He was instructed to have it filled with vinegar. The lad, after ambling along the countryside, finally reached the store, only to realize that he had forgotten the word "vinegar." Undaunted he pushed the jug across the counter, and said to the clerk, "Smell that, and give me a jugful." Mrs. Eulette then went on to say, "it's permanent results that count."

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Dr. Stanley I. Stuber in his manual, *Public Relations Manual for Churches,* says: "Public relations is only a means to an end—the end in our case being the extension of the Kingdom throughout the world, beginning in each home town."

Let us remember in our work as chairman of Publicity to keep the "permanent" end "results" in mind.

START WITH A BANG!

Why not try some new techniques in publicizing your Women's Society meetings or projects this fall? The following suggestions, are made by Mrs. Warren L. Adams, of Rhode Island, formerly of New York:

1. To put across an important matter, send an addressed *empty* envelope to every woman with IMPORTANT marked across the face of the envelope. Be sure to write your return address on the envelope, for, without doubt, the women will call to ask, "What was *so* important?" You then have an opportunity to give a real sales talk.

2. Attach a paper or wood fiber flower to an invitation which requests that the flower be brought to a stated meeting, in order that a bouquet may be arranged. The invitation can be distributed following a church service. This idea was contributed by Mrs. Paul Carter at a brainstorming session of the New York State Women's Board.

3. Be on the alert for unusual magazine advertisements which may be adapted for publicity. Keep a folder of clever slogans, advertisements, flyers.

4. Buy a set of lettering guides from any craft or hobby shop, at a surprisingly low price, for the making of neat and professional looking posters, signs, and flash cards.

5. Secure rubber molds of shepherds and animals, fill them with plaster of Paris. Unmold, paint the shepherds to represent Middle East people, and use them for a lobby display together with other items.

6. Create interest in your study of Alaska by suggesting that each woman submit a design for a United States flag that will include the forty-ninth star.

7. Make a finger print on an announcement by pressing thumb against a stamp pad. Point out that "a woman's touch" is a very special thing, and is needed for efforts such as the special home and foreign mission offerings, or Love Gift.

8. Cut from construction paper a Christmas tree and use an unusual invitation for the program packet Christmas meditation, "On the Far Judean Hills."

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

1. At the Massachusetts house party a woman, dressed as a Moslem, invited women to a Syrian coffee hour. Following a church service, why not have a woman dressed in similar attire distribute invitations to a program on the Middle East?

2. A former State Chairman of Publicity constructed a table model of our hospital at Managua, and displayed samples of the hospital's needs. Such an exhibit is most effective. Why not try it?

NEW CHAIRMAN OF PUBLICITY

It is my very great pleasure to introduce your new National Chairman of Publicity, Mrs. Ernest Bailey, of Syracuse, New York. Mrs. Bailey was elected for a two-year term, as a Member-at-Large on Woman's Day in Cincinnati, to serve as chairman of Publicity.

Mrs. Bailey is well qualified for her position, having served with distinction as state and association chairman of Publicity in New York. She is a free-lance writer and author of several books, mainly religious biography for teen-agers and adults. She also writes for *Junior High Topic.* Her business experience includes several years as advertising copywriter and as assistant director of public relations for the Boston Young Women's Christian Association.

May God richly bless you, Mrs. Bailey, and all chairmen of Publicity as you carry on your important work in his name.